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Sign up and join trek of a lifetime

WILLEN Hospice is holding a 'fundraising adventure of a lifetime' - and registration is now open for people to book their

Its first Vietnam Trek Adventure will take place between September 30 and October 8, 2017 with walkers trekking across lush forests and beautiful countryside and experiencing Vietnamese life in rural villages, as well as the hustle of modern capital Hanoi, while supporting the vital work of the hospice.

About £7 needs to be raised every minute of the year to support the specialist end-of-life care provided by the hospice and those who take part in the trek, which is being supported by OneMK, will be asked to raise sponsorship. Fundraising manager Dawn Clark said:

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To find out more about the trek and details on how to register log onto www.willen-hospice.org.uk/vietnam



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Seamstress Sue was 'fabric of community'

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

HUNDREDS of tributes have been sent to a dry cleaners after its popular manageress and seamstress died.

Susan Evans (pictured), known as Suzie or Sue, worked at Mr Clean Dry Cleaners in St John Street, Newport Pagnell, for 27 years after moving to Milton Keynes from Liverpool 34

years ago.

The community has been left

stunned by her sudden death from pneumonia on May 10 and after more than 200 cards were sent to the dry cleaners, owner Bill Mackey, residents and The Rev Nick Evans from St Peter and St Paul Parish Church have organised a memorial service.

Mr Mackey said: "The support coming into the shop has been phenomenal. She was always busy but she still managed to say hello, smile and be helpful. She was more than a work colleague to me and

when I heard about her passing I was numb. Sue has organised this memorial for herself really as so many people have shown their support and she deserves it.

"Everyone loved her cheeky grin and Scouse humour and she was such a hard worker as her boss I often had to tell her to stop.

"I can't see anyone sit in her chair so we have someone doing alter tions from their home. altera

Fellow business owners have also been sharing their memories. Lynn King, from Laura Lloyd nail bar in St John Street, said: "I think she touched everyone's clothes in Newport.

he was such a lovely lady."
The Rev Evans added: "She was part of the social fabric of the community and we want to celebrate her life."

The memorial service will be held at St Peter and Paul in High Street on Sunday, June 26 at 2pm.



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Safety advice after crashes

BY CHRIS KNIGHT

DRIVERS are being urged to take extra care on the roads after a recent spate of

Six serious accidents have been reported in the last week alone, including crashes into Cambian Bletchley Park School and the East House restaurant in Newport Pagnell.

A woman has been charged in connection with the restaurant crash, which happened overnight on Sunday. Margarita Hollaway, 50, of Bury Street,

Newport Pagnell, has been charged with driving a motor vehicle danger-ously, failure to provide a specimen for analysis and being drunk in charge of a child under seven. She has been bailed to appear at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court on July 12.

In light of these incidents, Milton Keynes Council has issued safety advice for drivers in the city.

Nigel Spencer, road safety officer, said: "A large number of road traffic collisions are the result of driver error.

"So I would urge all road users in Milton Keynes to take care on the roads, take note of the weather conditions, always wear a seat belt, don't get distracted or use mobile phones, ensure their vehicles are road worthy and stick to the speed limits."

On Saturday, six people were released from cars in a collision on the H6 Childs Way in Loughton. On Sunday, a horse had to be released following an accident between Newport Pagnell Services and junction 14 on the M1 and a car was left on its roof following a crash on the V10 Brickhill Street at the Kents Hill Roundabout a day later.

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Pharmacy staff face knife thief

Concerns were raised about some coloured powder being left in the

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

RESIDENTS have been left angered after a shop they fought to keep open was targeted by a knife-wielding

The event saw people run and walk around Willen

Lake and take on several

Two female staff at Astons Pharmacy in Wordsworth Avenue, Newport Pagnell, were in the shop with a customer on Tuesday, May 31 when the man who was wearing dark clothing and had his face covered walked in.

A member of staff told OneMK: "He came in calmly and just stood there.

stunned and didn't believe it at first and thought it was someone having a joke.

"A customer was in here but she stayed calm as he waved the knife at us again and asked for the prescriptions on

the shelf and said 'I mean it'.
"He took all we had but fortunately we didn't have a lot.

"Fortunately nobody was hurt. The customers were more upset than we were. especially after many are elderly and they fought to keep it open last year.

The man entered the shop at about 11.45am and stole

prescription medication in

event is not harmful to the

environment or wildlife

the robbery. The worker added: "We think he knew the area as he was able to get away pretty

quickly.

"His voice was quite muffled and there was something not quite right."

Detective Constable Paul Wilson, who is based at Milton Keynes Force CID, said: "I am appealing for any witnesses who may have seen this man before or after the incident to come forward and contact us

A CCTV image is available at onemk.co.uk

Crossbow neighbour charged

Saw-wielder jailed

oneMK briefs

SAMSON Ampadu, 29, of St Helena Avenue, Newton Leys, was jailed for seven months at Aylesbury Crown Court on Friday, May 27. He threatened a man in Fishermead with a machete and saw on February 7.

Dog endorsement

DRAGONS' Den star Deborah Meaden has become an ambassador for city-based charity Medical Detection Dogs.

Gang stabbing A GANG stabbed a man in

Leadenhall on Sunday. Phone 101 if you have information.

A MAN who allegedly fired a crossbow at his neighbour has been remanded in custody after appearing at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court on

Monday morning. Benjamin Tompkins, 30, of Drovers Croft, Greenleys, is due to appear at Aylesbury Crown Court on July 4.

He was charged on Sunday with allegedly firing a crossbow at neighbour Gavin **Jackson in Drovers Croft on** Saturday.

The incident is said to have happened at 1.20pm.

Mr Tompkins was also charged with causing criminal damage to a window.

Police investigate exposure

A MAN exposed himself to a woman at Walton Park near the Open University in a case police have described as

'upsetting'.
The incident happened between 8.30am and 9am on Tuesday, May 24.

The suspect is described as white, around 5ft 8ins, of normal build and is no older than 30. He was wearing dark clothing and had a hood or a hat on.

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Thanking unsung heroes

THIS is Volunteers' Week - The Big Celebration (running until June 12) and what better time to recognise the incredible work of our 283 Scouting volunteers in Milton Keynes?

Today Scouting provides fun and adventure to 1,345 young people in Milton Keynes. We build confidence, self-esteem and help girls and boys, young men and women aged six to 25 develop the skills and values they need to succeed in life.

But what does volunteering really mean? It's about finding an organisation whose values align with your own. It's about finding a cause you feel passionately about and which allows you to grow as a person. It's about using your skills and learning new

For our 283 volunteers. Scouting provides these opportunities. In Scouting, adults, as well as young people, make new friends, try new things and develop skills that they use in their everyday lives.

Volunteering for Scouting is flexible and fits around work and volunteer commitments. We work especially hard to find roles that are matched to a person's interests and talents.

Perhaps most importantly volunteering is about contributing something to the local community.
From the Chief Scout, Bear

Grylls, to the leader of the local Beaver Scout Colony, every one of our volunteers makes a promise to help other people.

This year Scouts are living their promise by making a positive impact in local communities through A Million Hands, a national campaign to support four key issues: improving the lives of those affected by dementia, improving the lives of the disabled, improving the mental wellbeing and resilience of families and ensuring everyone everywhere has access to clean water and sanitation.

It's about real, meaningful and sustainable action and it's encouraging a new generation to really think about and support the people around them.
On behalf of Milton Keynes

Scouts, may I say a very heartfelt

thank you to our volunteers.

And if you feel inspired by what you've read, whether you're an adult or young person, we would welcome you to the Scouting family and support your development too.

James Palin Lead volunteer **Buckinghamshire County Scouts**

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Volunteer lead **Keech Hospice Care**

Show boaters pay tax

I READ with great interest the letter regarding the failure of boaters to observe the requirements of their Continuous Cruiser(CC) licences on the canal through Milton Keynes (*Letters*, *OneMK*, *May 25*).

It made many very valid points but the author may have erred in two areas:

1. It was stated that there was no obligation on CC licensees to pay council tax. This may not be correct, more that there is no mechanism in place to collect the tax. Since the CRT collect the licence fees due, could they not issue licences only to boat owners who can demonstrate that they are paying council tax, or are exempt as their boat is neither a first or second home?

2. Regarding Permanent Mooring (PM) licences, your correspondent ought to have stated that they should be paying council tax and have planning permission; both of these requirements appear to be honoured more in the breach than the observance at

present.
Perhaps MK Council would apprise us of the number of PMs in its area (with and without residential planning permission) and the council tax collected for each of the last five years in

respect of all canal craft?
As a frequent walker of the towpaths and occasional canal user I am in no way hostile to the canal community, providing they make their rightful contribution to our city like all

other residents.

Name and address supplied

comm<u>ent</u> His column **OneMK**

WORD reaches me that this weekend's Bletchley Carnival won't boast the usual selection of traditional fairground rides.

Organisers say the twisters, bumper cars, bungee runs and inflatables won't be there due to the redevelopment of Rickley Park and attractions will be limited to a big wheel and carousel.

The annual event usually attracts

many hundreds of people with community stalls and local fundraising.

But somehow, it won't be the same without the usual selection of rides.

The closure of Electric Social in the Theatre District has been announced.

Personally, the name alone was enough to put me off from visiting. It did change from MK Social, which was even worse, conjuring up images of elderly men supping pints of bitter and watching snooker on old fashioned TVs.

There's nothing enticing about

going to a 'social club', particularly when your target audience would presumably be young, aspiring adults.

The venue itself was okay, if lacking in a bit of atmosphere, and the owners say they will rebrand and reopen. Hopefully they'll avoid calling it the WI Club, or Salvation Social, or something similar.



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Child sex abuse group launched



Dream: Luke Chaplin is raising money to set up a charity for victims with help from Alex Reid, inset

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

A MAN who was sexually assaulted at the age of 12 wants to help other victims.

Luke Chaplin, who grew up in Hodge Lea, has not spoken about what happened to him in full until now and is hoping to raise £5,000 to start a charity for others who have been abused.

Now 34 and a father-of-two, the cage fighter has enlisted the help of celebrity fighter Alex Reid, who will be signing autographs at a family fun day to raise money for the charity, called Tomorrow's Children.

He aims to work with the local authorities, police and the prison service to help anyone who has suffered child sex abuse and their families.

"The group is not specifically for children, but also adults abused when they were younger and I have already had more than 10 people come forward," said Mr Chaplin.

"It has taken me 22 years to talk about what happened to me, which was life-changing, but I want to help others get

the right support."
"Child sex abuse is such a taboo subject and even now people who have seen my story don't know how

to react.

Mr Chaplin has created a video to share what happened to him, which has had more than 10,000 views on social networking site Facebook. He added: "I didn't put the video up for sympathy but to

show that I got through it and to help others speak out." The family fun day will take

place at The Old Bath House in Wolverton on August 7.

"There will be stalls, games and a bouncy castle, as well as special guest Alex Reid," added Mr Chaplin,

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oneMK briefs **CCTV** images

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Nottinghamshire, on March 10. The card was used in a number of shops in Milton Kevnes to buy items to the value of nearly £3,000. To see the CCTV images, visit onemk.co.uk

Outdoor pool grant

WOBURN Lido is among 148 local sports projects to secure a share of £9million of National Lottery funding.

Stony classic cars

THOUSANDS of petrol heads attended the Classic Car Festival in Stony Stratford on Sunday. Funds raised on the day were donated to Willen Hospice. For pictures, see onemk.co.uk

Man is charged over laundrette stabbing

A MAN was charged over an alleged stabbing at a Bletchley laundrette on Thursday. Peter Hance, 35, of Mellish

Court, Bletchley, was charged on Friday with one count of wounding with intent, one of possession of a knife in a public place and one of attempted theft.

A man was stabbed and taken to hospital with non-

life-threatening injuries. Mr Hance was also charged with two counts of theft on May 8 and 9 when money was stolen at the same laundrette. He was remanded in custody

and is due to appear at Aylesbury Crown Court in July.

Enter Made In MK awards

ENTRIES are still coming in for OneMK's Made In MK Awards.

As previously reported, the one-of-a-kind awards aim to celebrate the city's independent businesses, individuals and community organisations.

There are 10 categories and the winners will be chosen by a panel of judges. The deadline for entries is July 15 with the awards ceremony at Mercure Parkside hotel in September.

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Plans for Dons' training ground



Design: An overhead plan for the training ground, which features a hotel as well as football pitches

BY PHILIP MCELENEY

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PLANS for the new MK Dons training ground have been released – and include a hotel, restaurant and up to 18 football pitches.

The plans come after a screening application was submitted to South submitted to South Northamptonshire District Council, which covers where the training ground could be

built in Cosgrove.

The football pitches will vary in size and be used by the MK Dons first team, academy and members of the public, while the 'high quality hotel' could support events at

Silverstone and Towcester Racecourse.

It is not a full application, but instead a screening docu-ment which helps decide which part of the project will require an Environmental Impact Assessment before the full application for planning permission is submitted.
The site has two 3G pitches,

up to 15 grass pitches and an indoor pitch.

There is also space for a 7,200 square metre 'team building', which would include classrooms, a gym and medical rooms.

Up to 7,700 square metres of the site would be used for a hotel with a restaurant, which will also serve the academy. MK Dons' Sports and Education Trust and the community.

A statement on mkdons.com reads: "Once South Northamptonshire District Council issue their screening opinion, the club intends to work up a planning permission for submission to

the council later in the year.
"Following that, the club will embark on a full consultation with local residents and other stakeholders, which will include public meetings and any other forums as requested by the council to assist its consideration of any

Scoring a hit with fans Residents' reactions

RESIDENTS have given their views on the new MK Dons training ground, with many objecting to it.

The majority of people who have responded to South Northamptonshire Council have said they do not wish the training ground to be built.

Matthew Richard from Cosgrove said: "This is a beautiful area of south Northamptonshire that should not be swallowed up by the development of Milton Keynes."

Old Stratford resident Jeff Marland added: "Is a hotel needed with so many nearby in MK? Looking at the plan there appears to be hardly any parking for the pitches, so 22 players x car each x number of pitches plus staff, where are they going to go?"

More at onemk.co.uk

TEMPORARY MK Dons Supporters Association chairman Tom Stewart believes that the new training ground will help the club keep the players of the future.

He said: "It's a thing that we need to do if we're going to progress because there is a lot of talent in this area and they will go to clubs like Arsenal, Chelsea and Liverpool because they can offer more than what

"The training ground at Woughton isn't fit for purpose.

"I do feel sorry about the residents because some of them are very unhappy about it and I can sympathise with them but you have to look at the positive side. We tried everywhere in MK but couldn't be accommodated.

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Chervl Martin: "Selfish. inconsiderate, flood plain, wildlife cull, disgrace, noisy, unsuitable and a disgusting blot on the landscape. Find somewhere more suitable for your 'training'

Patsy Griffin: "If I lived in Cosgrove, I would prefer this to the inevitable housing estate which will appear at some point. MK will grow that way some

Paul Griffiths: "What is wrong

with the Bowl? This is where the Dons had hoped to go initially, until MKDP decided to go with some whacky scheme for a water park that didn't see the light of day.

"But it may be that having been snubbed too much has been invested in the Cosgrove option for the Dons to reconsider - even if MKDP was to make an approach.

Shireen Hall: "I think the plans are fab. Go for it MK Dons.



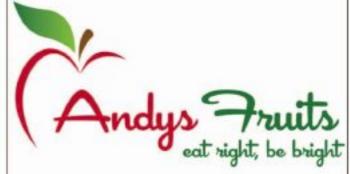




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Sent to prison for child sex offence

BY PHILIP MCELENEY

A PAEDOPHILE has been sentenced to three years in prison after being convicted of a sexual offence against a child.

Talisin Mills, 21, of Newton Levs, was sentenced at Aylesbury Crown Court on

Thursday. He was charged on January 6 this year with causing a child under the age of 15 to look at an image of sexual activity and breach of a Sexual Harm Prevention

Mills pleaded guilty in February to breaching the Sexual Harm Prevention Order.

He pleaded guilty to the charge of causing a child under the age of 15 to look at an image of sexual activity on same day he sentenced.

The offence took place on January 4 this year and breached the terms of a Sexual Harm Prevention Order, which had been imposed on Mills at a imposed on Mills at a court hearing in October



Behind bars: Talisin Mills

The victim of the offence was a 14-year-old boy.

Mills was sentenced to three vears' imprisonment for causing a child under the age of 15 to look at an image of sexual activity and 12 months' imprisonment for breach of a Sexual Harm Prevention Order.

This activated a two year suspended sentence similar offences.

The sentences will run concurrently, meaning that Mills' total jail term is three

Investigating officer Det Con Graeme Williams, of the Child Abuse Investigation Unit, said: "We would like to praise the courage of the victim and witnesses in coming forward to report this incident.

"The sentence imposed by the court demonstrates Thames Valley Police's commitment to protecting vulnerable people and we would always encourage all victims of sexual offences to come forward and report

"We will listen to you and deal with you sensitively.'

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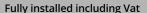
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Rent a bike and start exploring

BY PHILIP MCELENEY

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YOU can now register to hire a bicycle as part of a new scheme dubbed as Milton Keynes' answer to Boris Bikes, with the full details of the project now released.

The Santander Cycles MK bike rental project will see 300 bicycles and an initial 40 docking stations across the city.

A new website was launched on Thursday, which allows people to pre-register to use the bikes, ahead of the full launch of the scheme on June 17.

Keith Moor, chief marketing officer for Santander UK, said: "We're really excited about the launch of the new Santander Cycles MK website

website.
"The scheme is taking shape and now we're ready to share it with the local Milton Keynes community.

"As we race towards the June 17 launch, you'll notice the docking stations popping up locally and if you visit the website you'll see how you can pre-register for



Saddling up: Docking stations for the new Santander bikes, inset, near intu shopping centre in CMK ahead of the launch

the scheme." The project will make the most of the citywide redway network, which covers 169.3 miles.

Bikes will be available to rent 365 days a year, 24 hours

You can hire up to four bicycles at a time and return them to any of the official docking stations, with more of them planned over the next six months.

Santander Cycles MK is the result of months of

collaboration between Milton Keynes Council, Milton Keynes City Centre Management, nextbike and Santander.

The nextbike Smartbikes will allow cyclists to hire the bikes via a specially designed app on their phone with membership cards, or via the cycle itself, which will all be ready before the launch.

To pre-register for the bike rental scheme, go to santandercyclesmk.co.uk ADVERTORIAL

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Consumer champions Which? have now joined the thousands of customers who recognise that Cloudy2Clear Windows really are a business that you can TRUST. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes not the frames has received the coveted 'Which Trusted Trader' status after going through a rigorous accreditation process entirely focussed on customer service.

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Locally Cloudy2Clear service the Bedford, Milton Keynes & Leighton Buzzard areas and manager Stephen Moon agrees that this approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good jusiness sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated as both my customers and, obviously a body as nationally important as Which? now recognise.'

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Travellers close Howe Park cafe

BY JAMES AVERILL

A POPULAR cafe was advised to temporarily close after travellers moved in at the weekend.

The Howe Park Wood Cafe, based in the visitor centre at Howe Park Wood, was forced to stop trading after the group entered the car park next to it on Sunday.

Police were made aware of the travellers' presence after at least four caravans were pictured on the site and were asked to carry out an assessment.

Fans of the cafe expressed their disappointment, especially as many families had headed to the wood to take advantage of the good weather.

Pat Martin wrote on the group's page on social networking site Facebook: "That's not nice for you and terrible that you have to lose trade because of them.

Sue Myrie added: fellow entrepreneur I feel the pain of your loss of earnings. So sorry to hear how these people are not only affecting



Cafe closed: Caravans take over the car park at Howe Park Wood. Police advised the cafe to close until the group was moved on

business but also stopping your customers enjoying your lovely cafe, which you have worked extremely hard to get well known locally."

Police were able to move the travellers on by mid-afternoon on Sunday and The Parks Trust thanked officers for their support.

Briony Fox, head of community engagement at The Parks Trust, said: "We identified an unauthorised

encampment in the car park by the Howe Park Wood Education and Visitor Centre on Sunday and immediately informed Thames Valley

Police. "The "The encampment was moved on and the area cleansed and reopened by 2.30pm with thanks to the support of police.

"Minimal disruption was caused to trade while we ensured that the car park was safe for visitors.



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Not to be confused with the famous character in 'The Simpsons,' the LISA was amongst the changes that George Osborne itemised in his 2016 Budget to Parliament. Known officially as the Lifetime Individual Savings Account, or LISA, it is the new attempt by the Conservative Party to encourage the UK population to start saving and as an alternative to the traditional pension. But what is it? And who does this appeal too?

Aimed at anyone aged between 18 and 50, the LISA is designed for people to flexibly save over the long-term. The idea is that it will help savers get onto the property ladder and also be a source of income during retirement.

From April 2017, Savers will be able to set up a LISA alongside their existing Cash ISA and Stocks and Shares ISA. The main difference is that the government have agreed a 25% bonus as a top up to your contributions. From next year you will be able to contribute up to £20,000 p.a. into your ISA's, but from that only £4,000 can go into the LISA. The maximum therefore you can receive as a bonus from the Government at the end of each tax year is £1,000; or £32,000

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over the lifetime of the LISA.

The main advantage of the LISA is that once you reach age 60, you will be able to withdraw your savings tax free. Which when you compare to a pension that can only withdraw 25% tax free, it can be seen as a better alternative, especially for those self-employed. But is it better for an employee?

The answer I'm afraid depends. If you are in an occupational pension scheme with both employee and employer contributions, it would be unwise to opt out in favour of

the LISA as you would lose your employers contributions. Similarly pension contributions are subject to tax relief of up to 45%. If you are a higher rate tax payer, you would be better off paying into a pension, receiving tax relief of 40% and then paying the basic rate of tax when you retire.

Not only this, but if you withdraw money from the LISA before you reach age 60, or for any other reason than to purchase your first property, you will be charged at 5%, lose the government bonus and any interest earned on top. You could say therefore here lies the incentive to continue saying.

So will it work? It seems that only time will tell if this appeals to savers, first time house buyers and those looking to retire. Once again it is another investment product that has both its appeal and limitations, but it does provide investors with the ability to broaden their portfolios.

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More than 23,500 unpaid city carers

CARERS Week – an annual awareness campaign – started on Monday. To learn more about carers and the daily challenges they can face, reporter CHRIS KNIGHT met with the Carr family

HUSBAND Phil Carr and son Nathan are two of more than 23,500 people providing unpaid care to friends and relatives in the city.

Caring for Denise, 56, who lives with osteoar-thritis and mental health issues such as confusion and short-term memory loss, is a full-time responsibility.

loss, is a full-time responsibility. Phil, from Old Farm Park, admits some days are tough, but the support of charity Carers MK helps to ease the strain on the family.

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He said: "It doesn't matter how trivial the issue is, Carers MK will

always help. It can be finances, health, or even paperwork – they will help."

Carers MK is an independent charity that support unpaid, family carers in the city.

Carers of all ages are eligible to receive support through meetings, training and guidance on relevant services.

Phil belongs to a monthly group, which meets and talks about anything other than their caring responsibilities.

And Nathan, 17, enjoys activities and trips such as go-karting and kayaking with other young carers in the city. He added: "Carers MK

He added: "Carers MK give me a bit of a break and a chance to rest.
"If I didn't have it, I

"If I didn't have it, I think it could just get too much."

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Cyclist confident of setting world record

BY CHRIS KNIGHT

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A FATHER-OF-TWO believes he is now the Guinness World Record holder for crossing Britain on an elliptical cycle.

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And Idai Makaya, 42, from Bradwell, cycled from Land's End to John O'Groats in just five days and four minutes between May 26 and 31.

The previous record stood at six days and 10 hours and Mr Makaya is awaiting ratifica-tion on his record-breaking

effort. He said: "It is a cycling He said: "It is a cycling pilgrimage and I wanted to see how quickly it could be done and test my own ability. "I suspected it would be tough, but it was more difficult than I expected. "That week, the wind blew

against me and the temperatures in Scotland were a lot colder than forecast.

"But during the days, it was sunny and I was pretty upbeat.
"I had people come out and



join me for parts of the jour-

Mr Makaya's attempt almost came to an end after 600 miles in the Scottish Highlands due to a bearing failure. The repair cost him nine hours, but the cyclist still made the journey a full 34 hours ahead of the record

Mr Makaya added: "The failure was really bad luck, but I was lucky to find a bike shop that could repair it on the day. It took a day to sink in, but I'm happy with the

achievement."
Mr Makaya is keeping his options open on future challenges, but said he is considering the London Edinburgh London ride next

Guinness World Records will review the online application before ratifying the attempt.





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FOR the first time, all the equipment used in making and breaking Lorenz - Hitler's most secret cipher - was demonstrated at The National Museum of Computing (TNMOC) on Friday. Much more complex than the Enigma, the Lorenz cipher was broken thanks to Bill Tutte working out how the Lorenz machine was put together - without ever having seen it. As a result, the Allies were routinely able to read German High Command's top secret messages and the breakthrough is credited with shortening the war and saving lives. Some surviving Colossus Wrens and relatives of key figures in the breaking of the Lorenz came along for the day and OneMK reporter CHRIS KNIGHT found out about life in wartime Bletchley Park.

"I remember all the boring things now, like coming in on the bus in the morning! "In our free time, we

explored the countryside around Woburn on our

"We never knew too much about the work we were doing here. Bletchley Park looks completely different now – there used to be so much more open space. It is really strange open space. It's reany strange to see the park as a museum and tourist attraction. "How on earth they managed to rebuild all of the machines I



"We would be dropped off at Block F and we wouldn't know what people were doing in the next room.

"I have watched films on Bletchley Park since and

happened here! "Bletchley would have been bombed if the Germans had known what we were doing.

"While I was deciphering messages from Hitler, my

future husband landed on Juno Beach for D Day! "It was incredible looking back now, but when I went ck to my job no-one had a clue what we had done.



"We'd work weekly shifts that covered all hours – the machines were never switched off.

"I remember it being hot and as it was wartime all the windows were blacked out.

There was always someone

"We used to go to Bedford on our day off – we only had 75 pence to spend!

"I've learned something new each time I've come back. I found about working on the Lorenz messages a decade ago – we were never told

Nazi machine part on eBay for £9.50



BY CHRIS KNIGHT

A VOLUNTEER with The National Museum of Computing (TNMOC) spotted a vital part of Hitler's 'unbreakable' Nazi

cipher machine – in an eBay advert.
As previously reported, an extremely rare Lorenz SZ42 is now on display at the museum, based at Bletchley Park.

And a military-issue teleprinter for the machine has now been bought by TNMOC from the auction website - after being

found in a garden shed in Essex.
Volunteer John Whetter said: "My colleague was scanning eBay and he saw a photograph of what seemed to be

the teleprinter. He then went to Southend to investigate further where he found the keyboard being kept, in its original case, on the floor of a shed with rubbish all over

Coding: John Whetter with right, and the

recently found

"We said 'thank you very much, how much was it again?' She said '£9.50', so we said 'here's a £10 note – keep the change." The teleprinter would have been used to enter plain messages in German, which

were then encrypted by a linked cipher machine.

Following the discovery, volunteers are urging people to be on the look out for the drive motor – one of the key final parts needed to completely rebuild the cipher

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Underpass project needs volunteers

BY SCOTT KIRK

A PROJECT to spruce up two city underpasses in time for Milton Keynes' 50th birthday needs your help.
Public artworks will be

commissioned to transform the underpasses, taking ideas and inspiration from communities in Fishermead, Oldbrook, Conniburrow and Downs Barn.

The project is being run by On The Verge - a community interest company – and is being funded by Milton Keynes Council, the Heritage Lottery Fund and MK Community Foundation.
Residents will work with

artists, heritage advisors and archaeologists to explore their unique heritage in a

new, exciting way.

Over the next few months, the project team will be run-ning a series of arts and heritage workshops with residents and schools across the four estates and Central Milton Keynes.

The group wants to capture photos and stories from residents living in these areas



Underpass: Joy Cowell of Conniburrow Community Association with project directors Robbie MacPherson and Ursula Lewis

over the last five decades. Workshops will be running from this month.

The group is also looking for advisers with expertise in Milton Keynes' urban design, social development and new town planning over the last 50 years.

50 years.
Project lead Myriam Metcalf
said: "The project is about
connecting people and places
around CMK.
"It's a great opportunity for
Conniburrow, Downs Barn,
Oldbrook and Fishermead

residents to come together and find out about the history and heritage of their estates and bring their connecting underpasses to life."

The project also supports OneMK's Walk Safe campaign, which aims to improve underpasses and redways in the city so that people feel safe enough to use them.

To find out more about the project email Clare Cleary, project manager, cc@ontheverge.org.uk





Cuts could shut our pharmacies

BY SCOTT KIRK

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CONCERN is growing for the future of our pharmacies. The Government plans to

The Government plans to cut the funding to community pharmacies to the tune of £170million, which will adversely affect the services these type of facilities currently offer and will result in up to one third being forced to close – a figure likely to be echoed in Milton Keynes.

Anne-Marie King, chief officer of Northamptonshire and Milton Keynes Local Pharmaceutical Committee, said: "Pharmacies were supposed be at the heart of the NHS but now this vital service to the community is threatened.

"If we cannot go on supporting patients in the community in this way then already overstretched GP surgeries will see even more patients coming through their doors."

She added 41 per cent of pharmacy users will go to the GP if their local pharmacy closes.

This would result in a 15 per



Bleak future?: Cllr Zoe Nolan is worried about pharmacies in MK

cent rise in GP consultation appointments and a four per cent rise in patients for a service which is already struggling to cope with the volume of people it has to deal with.

deal with.

Milton Keynes cabinet member Zoe Nolan visited her local pharmacy at Hilltops surgery in Great Holm last week

She said: "I am very concerned about these cuts to community pharmacies

because this should be the first place we go to seek help and advice for common health problems. In this area people are already waiting weeks to get a non-urgent doctor's appointment. "If we lose pharmacies this

"If we lose pharmacies this will add to the pressure on GP surgeries and accident and emergency departments."

Meanwhile, a national petition was handed in by pharmacy teams nationally that had 1.8million signatures.



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Promise to welcome 50 refugee families

BY PHILIP MCELENEY

POLITICIANS have pledged to bring 50 refugee families to the city as part of a series

of promises.

In the build-up to Milton Keynes' Keynes' 50th birthday celebrations, business and political leaders have agreed 50 social justice-themed pledges with Citizens:mk.

These include having 50 accredited Living Wage employers in MK, for 50 town and parish councils to be advised on renewable energy, 50 MK organisations in 'Weaving Trust' events, as well as the plans to welcome 50 refugee families during this Parliament.

The pledges were made at the sixth annual Accountability Assembly of Citizens:mk – the broadbased alliance of faith, education and other commu-

rity organisations.

The event was held at The Church of Christ the Cornerstone in CMK and was attended by 260 people from 17 member institutions.

Speaking at the assembly,



Experience: Syrian refugee Nour Sakr talking at the assembly and giving an insight about when she was welcomed to MK

Cllr Edith Bald, head of the MK Conservative Party said: 'We have three main parties on the council and 80 per cent

of the time we actually agree.
"These pledges are about
things that really matter to
the people of Milton Keynes."

The overall theme was 'building community' and the assembly heard personal testimonies of problems facing communities whose voicare not normally heard.

Syrian refugee Nour Sakr

talked about her experience of being welcomed in Milton Kevnes. Care worker Javne Meadows talked about how

Meadows tarked about now her life had changed since receiving the real Living Wage. MK Council leader Pete Marland was given a freshly baked cake for completing seven of the eight pledges he made in the last 12 months, before the leaders of the relief before the leaders of the political parties each committed to further pledges for the year



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Rally to protest housing plans

BY CHRIS KNIGHT

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A PROTEST rally is to be held against a proposed development of up to 203 homes.

As OneMK previously reported, residents have opposed plans submitted by Wavendon Properties Ltd for land north of Cranfield Road

in Woburn Sands. A doctor's surgery, open space, landscaping and pedestrian, cycle and vehicular access will also be built as infrastructure to the development.

Nick Luke, one of the organ-isers of the rally, said: "Having twice beaten off applications, residents are furious that they will have to go through it all again.

"The fear is that this development will do serious long-term damage that threatens to turn a settled community into an urban sprawl.

"There would be a huge increase in the volume of traffic, which at times would cause gridlock at the level

crossing.
"But the real concern is the impact on the local health



Concern: Nick Luke, one of the organisers of the protest, fears the proposed homes could do 'long-term damage' to Woburn Sands

centre, which is already under pressure before two current developments have been completed.

"Protestors should email sara.hine@milton-keynes. gov.uk quoting reference 16/00672/OUT by July 21."

The rally is set to take place at 10.30am on June 25 outside the Woburn Sands Library in High Street.

Iain Stewart, MP for Milton Keynes South, is due to attend and he has echoed the concerns of residents.

He said: "I am seriously concerned with the constant stream of speculative applications coming in. The Woburn Sands and Wavendon area has already taken its fair share of development, it's now time to stop and consider pressures on infrastructure and look more long term across Milton Keynes.

OneMK contacted Wavendon Properties Ltd, which declined to comment.

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Bletchley Park fire

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Bandstand shows

EVERY Saturday from May through to September between 11am and 2pm, a band will be performing music live from the bandstand in Stanier Square. On Saturday, JP Jazz will be hoping to entertain passers by in Queensway.

Boogiewonderband

HAVING performed with the likes of Jim Davidson, Tony Hadley and The Three Degrees, Boogiewonderband will be performing at Wilton Hall on Saturday night. Tickets are priced at £30 per person. Call 01908 372277, or visit wiltonhall.co.uk for more information.

Chernobyl talk

The Lions Club of Bletchley received a talk from a Chernobyl Relief Foundation speaker on the 30th anniversary of the disaster. At the Lake Inn, project managing trustee Tatiana Birch thanked members for their support for the charity.

New centre sign

A NEW sign has been unveiled at the George Street Community Centre by its committee. It has been designed in the colours of Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council. Book the centre on 01908 649469.

Student day out

UNIFORMED public service students from Milton Keynes College enjoyed an experience day at Bletchley Fire Station. Students carried out tasks that meet fire service standards. To see pictures from the day, visit onemk.co.uk

Enigma Room could expand across the city

IHE co-owner of the Enigma
Room live escape game – based
at Bletchley Park – says they are
looking to expand and open more
rooms in the city.
As previously reported by
OneMK, the room opened in
March and teams of up to six
players are tasked with finding

As previously reported by OneMK, the room opened in March and teams of up to six players are tasked with finding clues and solving puzzles inspired by recent blockbuster The lmitation Game.

More than 100 teams have taken part so far and bookings for the room have been made as far in advance as Sentember.

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Audrey Tang, co-owner with Richard Atterton, said: "New players have caught 'the escape bug' and experienced players feel we've done justice to our location and the genre. "We always had plans to expand."

"We always had plans to expand but are looking to put them in place sooner to meet demand.

"We've hired two more staff members already and the moment we can secure premises we will be opening two more rooms."



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Popular pub chain eyes up town centre building

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This month we are focussing on Bletchley, with reporter CHRIS **KNIGHT** finding out more about what is going on in the town.

Tell us what's happening in your area by emailing editor@onemk.co.uk

A POPULAR pub chain is hoping to breathe new life into a boarded up building in the town centre.

Wetherspoon has submitted plans to Milton Keynes Council for the former Bletchley Arms pub in Queensway.

Eddie Gershon, a spokesman for Wetherspoon, said: "Our pubs in the region have proven successful and we are confident that a Wetherspoon pub in Bletchley would prove popular with a wide range of customers of all age

"Our pubs offer an excellent range of food and drink with specific emphasis on cask



Catalyst: Wetherspoon hopes its plan to open in the former Bletchley Arms pub will encourage more investment

conditioned beers from brewers across the UK and an excellent menu, serving food from break-

fast until closing time.

"Allied with the fact that we don't have music in our pubs, we find that people enjoy visiting our pubs for good food and drink and

"Our aim is to open a pub in the town that we believe will also act as a catalyst for other businesses

to invest in the area. We will await the outcome of the planning decision.

Wetherspoon had previously considered opening a pub in the old Co-op site in Queensway in 2014. However, the 99p Store struck a deal to become the tenants in part of the building before being bought out by Poundland, which now operates from the site

Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council has announced its support for the chain's application.

A spokesman said:
"Wetherspoon has submitted a
planning application for the
former Bletchley Arms pub in
Queensway and the town council is supportive of this application.
"We would like to see a more

active nighttime economy in the

Plans aimed at getting more people to check out Queensway

REGENERATION of Bletchlev and neighbouring Fenny Stratford is aiming to encourage residents to use their high street.

The Fixing the Links project will improve pedestrian routes into the town centre, which is

hoped will stimulate footfall. Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council is working with Milton Keynes Council to restore a through route for traffic in Elizabeth Square.

But as it stands, there is

currently no news on any potential new tenants for the former Co-op building. Councillor Sean Porter,

chairman of the town council's regeneration and planning committee, said: "As MK is

expanding in line with Plan:MK the strains on infrastructure is going to make using centralised amenities harder to get to. Using your local high streets now will enable them to support you in



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Singing to school

A WALKING bus is singing its way to school each and every day.

Eleven Germander Park Infant School pupils have been walking in convoy since October to ease traffic issues at the school gates.

BY SCOTT KIRK

IAIN Stewart MP has invited residents across Milton Keynes to share their thoughts on how to improve the customer experience on the West Coast Main Line.

The route is the main access for commuters travelling from the city into London, up to Birmingham beyond.

The Milton Keynes South MP has launched an online survey and is inviting correspond-ence from everyone who would like to have

their say.

Mr Stewart has decided to do this as part of his consultation submission for the tion submission for the next InterCity West Coast (ICWC) franchise.

The franchise competition will invite bids from operators hoping to run the next ICWC franchise, with the to shape the invitation to tender issued later in the year.

The winning train operating company will be announced in November 2017, in time for the franchise

to begin in April 2018. It will last until the start of HS2 services in the mid-2020s.

Mr Stewart, who also sits on the Transport Committee, said: "It is vitally important for passengers and businesses in Milton Keynes to make their

views known. "I want to see Milton Keynes making the strongest possible representation in this consultation, which will help shape the detail of the new franchise that Virgin and other contenders will bid for.'

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It's a centenary for 'bubbly' Val

BY CHRIS KNIGHT

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A CENTENARIAN celebrated her 100th birthday with cake - and a card and telegram

rom the Queen.
Val Benford grew up in Fenny Stratford and lived in the area all her life.

Her father owned and managed a butchers shop in Fenny Stratford, which has been recreated and features at Milton Keynes Museum.

Val worked as a secretary at a local building merchants for much of her working life and enjoyed travelling in her spare time.

As part of her birthday celebrations at Kents Hill Care Home a curator from the museum was invited to speak about the attraction.

The presentation allowed many of the residents to take a trip down memory lane to reminisce about days gone by when things were very different in Milton Keynes and the surrounding villages.

The telegram and card from the Queen have currently taken pride of place in Val's room at the home.



Celebration time: Val Benford enjoyed a slice of cake on her 100th birthday on May 9 with a worker at Kents Hill Care Home

Manager Carolyn Patterson said: "Val is very much part of our community and extended family at Kents Hill Care

Home.
"Her bubbly personality and happy face are part of what makes our home a lovely place to work."

Val, who still regularly completes crosswords, said staying active and moderation was the key

to longevity. She said: "I have lived life in moderation.

"I was raised very well and I have always had a good diet so I don't know if that's got

anything to do with it!
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She added that she felt 'like a movie star' after wellwishers congratulated her on reaching the milestone.



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Third study on MK healthcare is prescribed

A THIRD study into the future of the city's healthcare will see three areas working close

Milton Keynes will work alongside both Bedfordshire and Luton as part of the Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Sustainability and Transformation Plan.

A total of 16 different organisations - including three hospitals, three clinical commissioning groups and four councils - are involved.

The plan was launched at a meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board at Milton Keynes Council's civic offices last Wednesday.

It does not replace the health care review currently underway in Bedfordshire and Milton Keynes – it is a separate and nationally-directed idea.

Cllr Edith Bald told OneMK: "We are supportive of it but we need to make sure that all the good work the board is doing, which is for health and wellbeing in Milton Keynes, is supported and alligned by

The plan is led by Pauline Philip, chief executive of Luton and Dunstable University **Hospital NHS Foundation** Trust. This is the third study into healthcare in MK, with two previous plans costing an estimated £6.7million.

Grand mansion drops price tag

BY PHILIP MCELENEY

11-BEDROOM countryside mansion has dropped its price tag by nearly £6million after it first went on the market more than three years

Tyringham Hall is currently up for sale for £12.5milllion – making it Milton Keynes' most expensive prop-

The stately home is owned by property developer Antony Bilton, who is married to model, singer and actress, Lisa Barbuscia.

As reported by this newspaper, it first went on the market in 2013 for an eye-watering £18million after Mr Bilton had bought it 10 years earlier for about £2.5million.

The colossal grade I-listed green domed home is set in more than 59 acres of countryside and was once described as Britain's most beautiful stately home.

The 'neo-classical villa' includes four reception rooms, a kitchen, breakfast room and study on the ground floor, as well as a spa, games room, cinema and gym area on the lower ground.

There are a whopping 10 bedrooms – and that's just in the main building – and nine bathrooms.

A further wing of the building contains 18 en-suite bedrooms for staff. One of the stable houses alone recently sold for £250,000.

The property was designed by architect Sir John Soane for the banker and MP William Praed in



Luxury: The huge mansion in the countryside and its 59 acres of ground would set you back a whopping £12.5million

1792. Mr Bilton has reportedly spent £10million renovating the mansion before putting it on the market. Outside the building are formal

gardens designed in the 1920s by Sir Edward Lutyens, which feature two classical pavilions and several ornamental pools, which are guard-

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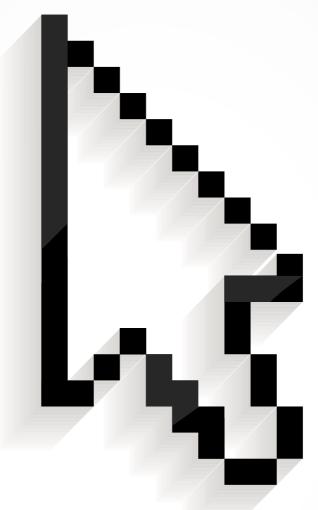
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If you haven't secured your tickets through official channels such as the FA or UEFA, your options at this stage are to go down the secondary selling site route or buy outside the ground.

Secondary sites, such as StubHub and Viagogo, have tickets available for the England v Russia match from about £120. Not surprisingly, the England v Wales clash at the 35,000 Stade Bollaert-Delelis in Lens is attracting the greatest demand, and will set you back at least £350.

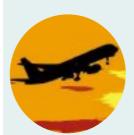
If you decide to wait until match day you won't be on your



own. A recent Foreign Office survey of home nations fans planning to travel to France showed that more than half (57 per cent) do not have tickets. Of those, 29 per cent are hoping to buy at the ground.

Buying off a tout really is pot luck. A friend of mine chanced his arm and ended up schmoozing in the African FA hospitality box at the Nigeria v Romania group game in Toulouse in 1998, for the princely sum of £90.

TRAVEL >



NOTHING is certain in life but death and taxes. You can add to that travel websites being hit with a spike in bookings once the groups have been sorted for a major football championship.

It really does pay to shop around – even at this late stage.

Flying out from Heathrow to Marseille with BA on the Friday before the first group game, returning on the Sunday, will set you back more than £700. Ouch! But if you fly to Nice you can save around £300 and take the train on the day of the game (about £40 return).

A friend who is heading to France this month has been to every England away match in the past five years. He is flying out via Amsterdam and paid around £150 return when the draw was made. This cheaper method can still pay off, so get on those search engines.

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If you're planning to go to all three England group games it will involve a fair amount of travelling. Marseille to Lens is more than 600 miles and it's another 450 miles to get back to St Etienne for the Slovakia match.

An interrail pass is ideal and allows a choice of unlimited travel on up to eight days within a one-month period. An adult can travel for four separate days at a cost of £179 but, be warned, it is compulsory to pre-book seats on some trains.

is compulsory to pre-book seats on some trains. If money is no object, why not go to France in style on a Victor private jet service package? A multi-leg trip, flying out from London, and taking in the semi-finals in Lyon and Marseille before heading to Paris for the final on a six-seater Citation CJ3 jet will set back your group in the region of £14,000. Not exactly cheap, but definitely a trip to remember.

WHAT TO DO

MARSEILLE is France's second biggest city and at its heart is the Vieux Port, where many of the best bars and restaurants can be found.

In 2013 Marseille was the European Capital of Culture and it really is an atmospheric place.

The Chateau d'If, setting for Alexandre Dumas' The Count of Monte Cristo, is a 16th century island prison castle and can be easily reached from the Vieux Port.

The Open Tour is one of

the best ways to see the city.
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Treally is jackpot time for hoteliers when England roll into town. With a predicted at least four times the going

into town. With a predicted 50,000 fans heading over to France, there won't be a shortage of takers for the

VHERE TO STAY

still available.
The late
kick-off for
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match means

there will be few

few rooms

which are

the final whistle. Expect to pay at least four times the going rate for a room for the night, while the hostels are also extremely expensive. A couple of options worth pursuing are Airbnb or Homelidays.

Lens – where the ground capacity is greater than the town's population – will also present similar problems in terms of finding a bed for the night, while Lyon is the ideal place to be based for those making the trip to St Etienne.



Roy's boys are on a roll

by Frank Malley

ON June 11, England will line up against Russia in the Stade Velodrome in the edgy city of Marseille for their first group match in Euro 2016 with genuine hope and anticipation.

No one is saying they will win their first major football tournament since Alf Ramsey's boys lifted the World Cup half a century ago.

a century ago.

No one realistically is expecting the heady whirl of 20 years ago, when England reached the semi-finals of Euro 1996 to the captivating soundtrack of 'Three Lions'.

England have let down their fans too often in the intervening years for that sort of expectation to take root, but there is a growing feeling that an exuberant England side could at last make an impact deep into a major tournament.

Youthful vigour and vibrancy are crucial to Hodgson, which is why he named Manchester United's emerging 18-year-old striker Marcus Rashford in his initial squad.

His biggest conundrum, though, is somewhat older in 30-year-old Wayne Rooney, his captain, record goalscorer and England talisman for more than a decade.

In the friendly against Germany in March, there was a glimpse of the new England, a hard-running, bright, innovative England with Harry Kane at its focal point.

focal point.

Kane is England's first-choice centre-forward. That is non-negotiable after a brilliant 25-goal season for Tottenham, where he has matured into a lethal striker.

After that, Hodgson has options. Lots of them. He could play Leicester's Jamie Vardy alongside Kane. He could play Rooney as a withdrawn striker behind Kane. He could play him wide in a front three, but that has never been Rooney's preferred role. He could leave his captain on the bench and use him as an impact player.

The point is that Rooney, the brilliant young talisman at Euro

Rooney the conundrum as optimism grows for Hodgson

2004, is no longer a definite starter. If he is fully fit and rediscovers his finest form, it would be difficult to leave out a player with his scoring record and his positive influence on those around him.

But the fact that England have progressed with a pleasing tempo this past 12 months means Rooney's absence would not be the blow it might once have been.

Psychologically, England could not be in a better place. They qualified for Euro 2016 by winning all their matches – in an admittedly easy group – and there is a pace and rhythm about their play which gives real hope to their fans.

In Dele Alli they possess an attacking midfelder with quick feet and vision, one who crucially has a close understanding with Tottenham team-mate Kane, and in Eric Dier they have a midfielder of composure and intelligence. They have attackers of real pace and a fine goalkeeper in Joe Hart.

Hodgson's biggest concern remains his defence where, despite the promise of John Stones, there is a brittleness about such as Chris Smalling, Gary Cahill, Kyle Walker and Ryan Bertrand.

Hodgson, however, has reason to be confident. "Whenever you go into a tournament you have to go into it hoping to win," he said. "If you ask any of the teams, they'll think they can do it.

"No-one expected Denmark in 1992, Greece, Leicester to win the Premier League. Everyone needs that dream and hope and belief."

Welsh fans are certainly in dreamland. They last



participated in the finals of a major tournament in the 1958 World Cup in Sweden. Their clash with England is likely to be pivotal for both teams.

So much for the Welsh rests on Gareth Bale, who scored seven goals in the qualifying campaign.

Northern Ireland, at their first major tournament for 30 years, face a huge task in a group which includes Poland, Ukraine and world champions Germany.

Martin O'Neill and the Republic of Ireland, meanwhile, have the toughest task of all, locked in a so-called group of death with Sweden, Belgium and Italy.

My prediction

Winners: Spain Runners-up: Germany England: Quarter-finals Wales: Group phase N Ireland: Group phase R of Ire: Group phase



Ronaldo set to strike gold

by Frank Malley

WHEN it comes to excelling at the toughest aspect of the game, scoring goals, the cream is usually at the top and, on that basis, it would be folly to back against Cristiano Ronaldo winning the Golden Boot award.

Ronaldo, inset, is the leading scorer in the history of the tournament with 23 goals, including qualifying. He scored five in Portugal's qualifying campaign, including a hat-trick against Armenia, and his rate for Real Madrid is phenomenal.

The Golden Boot rarely goes to a player whose side does

not survive deep into the tournament, and Portugal should canter through a group which includes Austria, Hungary and Iceland.

Home advantage should make France a force, which is good news for Antoine Griezmann, the Atletico Madrid forward with a knack for scoring crucial goals.

Arsenal's Olivier Giroud will be alongside Griezmann, while German striker Thomas Muller is another contender. He scored nine goals in qualifying and netted 32 times in 48 matches for Bayern last season.

Then there is Harry Kane of England, with his natural goal-scoring ability.

But the smart money? It has to be Ronaldo.





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Group B - England



Jamie Vardy scores the winner in England's 2-1 Euros warm-up victory over Turkey

Foxes' fairytale perfectly timed

by Simon Peach

HOPE rather expectation is the overriding emotion as England look to make their mark at Euro 2016, yet Leicester's fairytale campaign offers tantalising proof of what can be achieved when a group of talented players buys into a philosophy.

players buys into a philosophy. Roy Hodgson is perhaps fortunate to this summer be approaching his third major tournament in charge of the country of his birth after things unravelled so spectacularly at the World Cup two years ago.

Failing to win a match in Brazil did not cost the widely-travelled 68-year-old his job, though, and the Football Association's calculated gamble has seemingly paid off.

Hodgson has gone about replacing much of the old guard with a fresh, young core, while simultaneously securing impressive results and England's passage to Euro 2016 with the only 100 per cent record in qualification.

Overcoming the likes of Estonia and San Marino is, admittedly, hardly a yardstick with which to measure serious progress, but they did their job manfully having overcome their toughest opponent in their opening match.

Danny Welbeck's brace secured that 2-0 win in Switzerland on September 8, 2014 – a time when promoted Leicester were still looking for their first win back in the Premier League.

A lot has changed in the subsequent 20 months, with the Foxes' dramatic fight against the drop followed by an unthinkable rise to the title – largely thanks to Jamie Vardy's goals – providing Hodgson with a remarkable touchstone for upsetting the odds.

"I don't want the players to be fearful, I don't want the players to be weighed down by expectations or thoughts of what might happen if they don't succeed," said the England manager. "We've seen this year the example with Leicester City: weeks and weeks turning into months and months of how long can this last? Is it all going to crack up?

"Each time what they've done is work hard, try hard and tried to make certain going into each game they're capable of winning it. That's all we can do

as well.

"Nobody expected Denmark to win it in '92; nobody expected Greece to win the Euros(in 2004; no one expected Lejecster to win the league."

Odds of 5,000-1 underlined just how unlikely the triumph masterminded by Claudio Ranieri was, with Leicester's story acting as perhaps that little extra slither of belief required for the national team.

Questions still linger over defensive strength, but there is at least some hope after the disastrous 2014 World Cup.

Whether they have enough to end 50 years of hurt remains to be seen, but the Three Lions only need to look to the Foxes for inspiration of upsetting the odds.

Star player - Harry Kane



Wayne Rooney may be England's all-time leading goalscorer, but his performance levels have dipped this season while Kane has continued to impress for Tottenham. He scored 21 League goals last season and now has the chance to prove he is one of the leading marksmen in Europe.

Coach - Roy Hodgson

The well-travelled 68-year-old was perhaps fortunate to stay after England's early exit at the 2014 World Cup, but has been given the chance to rebuild the squad. Another failure would almost certainly cost him his job.



Squad

Goalkeepers: Joe Hart (Man City), Fraser Forster (Southampton), Tom Heaton (Burnley).

Defenders: Gary Cahill (Chelsea), Chris Smalling (Man Utd), John Stones (Everton), Kyle Walker (Tottenham), Ryan Bertrand (Southampton), Danny Rose (Tottenham), Nathaniel Clyne (Liverpool).

Midfielders: Dele Alli (Tottenham), Ross Barkley (Everton), Eric Dier (Tottenham), Jordan Henderson (Liverpool), Adam Lallana (Liverpool), James Milner (Liverpool), Raheem Sterling (Man City), Jack Wilshere (Arsenal).

Strikers: Wayne Rooney (Man Utd), Harry Kane (Tottenham), Jamie Vardy (Leicester), Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool), Marcus Rashford Euro 2016 **5**

Kane and Alli - a match made in heaven Possible ENGLAND LINE-UP

The last time England played at the European Championship, former MK Dons star Dele Alli was completing his GCSEs.

While Andrea Pirlo was penalty-chipping England out of the quarter-finals in 2012, Alli, *pictured*, was leaving Radcliffe School with nine A to C grades, including As in Sport and Drama.

Four years on, manager Roy Hodgson and England fans will be hoping the 20-yearold can replicate his club partnership with Harry Kane on the international stage.

Of Kane's 25 league goals for Tottenham, seven were assisted by Alli and after the striker's double against Bournemouth in March, Alli to Kane was the pass most likely to create a goal in Europe.

Even the most ardent Dons fan would scarce-



ly believe their academy product's rise.

Signing for Spurs for £5 million in January 2015, Alli played an instrumental role in the Dons' promotion before moving to White Hart Lane in the summer.

Expected to be one for the future, the midfielder grabbed his opportunity in the present, and was named PFA Young Player of the Year in his debut Premier League season. Alli bagged a stunning strike on his full England debut and is the first former Don to be called up for the country in a major championship. And with Kane expected to lead

the line, Hodgson would be wise to recreate the fruitful club partnership, despite the plethora of attackers at his disposal.

Former Don Andros Townsend missed the cut, while Simon Church and Lee Hodgson have been called up for Wales and Northern Ireland respectively.



Did you know?

Frenchman Henri Delaunay suggested a tournament between Europe's top national sides in 1927 – but it wasn't ratified by UEFA until 1958

British teams initially refused to compete in the

event, fearing it would signal the end of the home internationals

Luxumbourg, with a population of 300,000, produced the first upset of the tournament by knocking out the Netherlands in 1964

How Hodgson's 23 measure up

ROY HODGSON has put his faith in the following 23 players to bring the European trophy back to England:

GOALKEEPERS

Joe Hart (Man City, 58 caps, 0 goals): England's established No.1 and an experienced campaigner. Will be asked to lead and organise.

Fraser Forster (Southampton, 6 caps, 0 goals): Returned from 10 months out injured to set a new club record of six straight clean sheets earlier this season.

Tom Heaton (Burnley, 1 caps, 0 goals): Named in the Championship team of the season after helping the Clarets win the title.

DEFENCE

Nathaniel Clyne (Liverpool, 12 caps, 0 goals): Now fully settled into life at Jurgen Klopp's Liverpool, he brings energy to everything he does from right-back.

Kyle Walker (Tottenham, 15 caps, 0 goals): Will be battling Clyne for a starting spot despite featuring in just one of the qualifiers.

Qualifiers.

Danny Rose (Tottenham, 3 caps, 0 goals): Showings against Germany and Turkey make a compelling case for him to start the tournament at left-back.

Gary Cahill (Chelsea, 42 caps, 3

Gary Cahill (Chelsea, 42 caps, 3 goals): Hodgson will be hoping the centre-half will not be adversely affected by Chelsea's dire season.

Chris Smalling (Man Utd, 24 caps, 0 goals): His authority and consistency have risen and he is rapidly building his international credentials.

Ryan Bertrand (Southampton, 8 caps, 0 goals): Continues to impress with Saints and earns his spot in what has become a crowded field at left-back.

John Stones (Everton, 10 caps, 0 goals): Question marks over his confidence, yet remains a big part of the future.

MIDFIELD

Dele Alli (Tottenham, 7 caps, 1 goal): The PFA Young Player of the Year and a driving force behind Spurs' title push.

Jordan Henderson (Liverpool, 25 caps, 0 goals): A badly-timed knee injury left the midfielder sweating over his place, but proved his fitness by featuring in both warm-up friendlies.

James Milner (Liverpool, 59

caps, 1 goal): Adds an experienced head to the more dynamic talents around him. Eric Dier (Tottenham, 6 caps, 1 goal): A revelatory showing at the base of the midfield in the 3-2 friendly win over Germany. The own goal against Australia

looked an aberration.

Adam Lallana (Liverpool, 22 caps, 0 goals): A regular fixture in the Roy Hodgson era, but still awaiting his defining moment for the Three Lions.

Ross Barkley (Everton, 22 caps 2 goals): Has had his best season in terms of goals, but

few would argue Barkley's progress has been serene. **Jack Wilshere** (Arsenal, 30

caps, 2 goals): Another season of injury woe for the 24-year-old, but his bad luck ceased in time for him to get back on the pitch before the end of the

campaign. **Raheem Sterling**(Man City, 22 caps, 2 goals): A

concerning inconsistency in his game, but he has pace, tricks and unpredictability in his favour and netted twice in qualifying.

FORWARDS

Wayne Rooney (Man Utd, 110 caps, 52 goals): Captain. A star in qualifying, but outperformed over the past season by a handful of

Harry Kane (Tottenham, 11 caps, 5 goals): Looks England's most obvious goal threat, underlined by netting minutes into the

Turkey win.

Jamie Vardy (Leicester, 7 caps, 3 goals): Having netted in three successive international matches, England will look to harness his hunger.

Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool, 17 caps, 5 goals): While he

may not possess the sharpest all-round game, he is an instinctive goalscorer.

Marcus Rashford (Man Utd, 1 cap, 1 goal, left): There is a fearlessness and verve about Rashford, with his displays on international duty enough to see him

head to France.



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Player spotlight



Clockwise from top left, Robert Lewandowski, Thomas Muller, Cristiano Ronaldo, Zlatan Ibrahimovic and, centre, Wales star Gareth Bale

Five stars

Focus on the big names of the European game out to make an impact in France

ROBERT LEWANDOWSKI

Lewandowski is a classic No.9 who can change the game in a heartbeat with unerring finishing and a complete all-round game.

Having made his name with Borussia Dortmund under Jurgen Klopp, he moved south to Bayern Munich, and has not looked back. He has not been overawed in a Bayern team brimming with talent, which contrasts to the national team where he is the main man.

Not that he allows pressure to weigh him down, averaging almost a goal every other game for Poland, but only one of those has come in an international tournament – that is surely about to change.

THOMAS MULLER Germany

The Bavarian has spent his entire career at Bayern Munich, and has won most of the top prizes in world football.

At club level he won the Champions League in 2012-13 while, in the white of Germany, he claimed the Golden Boot at the 2010 World Cup, while four years later in Brazil he was part of the team that beat Argentina to claim the biggest prize of all.

By his own admission, Muller does not possess the skills and trickery of other great players, but his kills unconventional style causes problems for defenders and he has a habit of being in the right place at the right time.

CRISTIANO RONALDO Portugal

Other than convince the footballing world he is better than Lionel Messi, there is little that Ronaldo has not achieved on an individual basis.

The former Sporting Lisbon and Manchester United forward has been named FIFA's world player of the year on three occasions, and his five goals in qualifying made him the leading scorer in European Championship history. He will expect to increase his tally in France, with Portugal having been drawn in a group which also features Iceland, Hungary and Austria.

Ronaldo inspired Portugal to the semi-finals four years ago, and has since become his country's all-time leading goalscorer, a record which he also holds at Real Madrid.

ZLATAN IBRAHIMOVIC Sweden

Ibrahimovic scored 11 goals in qualifying, and averages better than a goal every two games in international football, having scored three in their play-off victory against Denmark.

play-off victory against Denmark.

He should feel at home in France as he is the star player in Ligue 1 and has just helped Paris Saint-Germain claim another title. Fittingly, he scored four goals in the 9-0 rout of Troyes which secured PSG's title with eight games to spare.

The 34-year-old is the leading scorer for both club and country, and his talent is matched only by his self-confidence, with Ibrahimovic having declared that the tournament without him would have been "unthinkable".

GARETH BALE

Wales

Real Madrid fans may have had reservations about the full-back turned forward, but Wales supporters have no such doubts after he helped them reach a major finals for the first time in more than 50 years.

Wales have had great players before, but with Ian Rush, Mark Hughes, Neville Southall and Ryan Giggs having never played at a major finals, Bale will savour it.

He is no stranger to the big stage, though. He netted a stunning winner for Real in the 2014 Copa del Rey final against Barcelona, and also gave his side the lead in extra-time as Real beat Atletico Madrid to win an historic 10th Champions League title.

Group B - England



Back to the future

by Frank Malley

THERE was a time when an England football manager could agonise over his midfield and attacking options going into a major tournament in the certain knowledge that at least he could rely on his central defence.

Not Roy Hodgson. The England boss will take his squad to France for Euro 2016 knowing that there are goals in his side. In Harry Kane and Jamie Vardy and Delle Alli and Wayne Rooney, even if the England captain is pressed into a deeper midfield role as seems likely.

Going forward there is a vigour and a tempo to England's recent performances which have been hugely encouraging.

But always, even in victory, there have been doubts. The signs are that the back door to England's Euro 2016 challenge is too prone to swing open at the most inopportune moments.

Hodgson, eager to accommodate his attacking talents, has opted to take just

Hodgson must rely on his attack to offset a shaky line of defence

three central defenders in the shape of Chris Smalling, Gary Cahill and John Stones, none of whom are specialist left-sided defenders.

That would not be a major problem if they were all in fine form and bursting with confidence. They aren't.

Cahill has struggled to hold down a regular place in the Chelsea side this past season. Stones, at 21 an elegant and promising ball player, was left out of the Everton side for most of the second half of the season.

And while Smalling was a fixture for Manchester United his aberration when getting sent off in the FA Cup final, pulling a player down by the legs rugby-style against Crystal Palace, only highlighted the brittle nature of his decision-making.

They do not ooze authority or composure. Not when compared with some of the mighty defenders of England past. Ever since Bobby Moore turned leading from the back into an elegant art form England have been blessed with central defenders of courage and stature.

Men such as Terry Butcher, Tony Adams and Des Walker.

Players such as Sol Campbell, a formidable presence in the centre-back position who was the only England player to be named in the FIFA World Cup All-Star team in 2002 in Japan.

There is no point dwelling on the past and Hodgson had no real alternative but to put his faith in Smalling, Cahill and Stones.

The tentative nature of their defending, however, does illuminate the gamble Hodgson has accepted by not adding a fourth central defender to his squad. Instead, he preferred to argue that holding midfielder Eric Dier could be pressed into the central defensive role if needed, even though he did not

play there for Tottenham last season. That is worrying. Major tournaments can be won by disguising weaknesses and filling in for vulnerable teammates and Brazil have lifted several World Cups while displaying defensive frailties.

But the most prestigious trophies are rarely lifted by a team with weakness at its central core. We can be sure that Russia will have noted how Turkey caused panic and chaotic positioning in England's defence to score in the first of England's three pre-tournament friendlies at the Etihad stadium.

Quick, technical opponents scythed a way through. England will face plenty of those if they progress deep into the tournament.

Hodgson has instigated a high pressing game and forged a team with the ability to counter-attack with devastating pace. It is bold and brave but it is also the strategy of a manger who really knows the score.

For Hodgson's England, attack is the best form of defence.



John Stones holds off Turkey's Cenk Tosun in the 2-1 pre-Euros friendly victory at the Etihad Stadium

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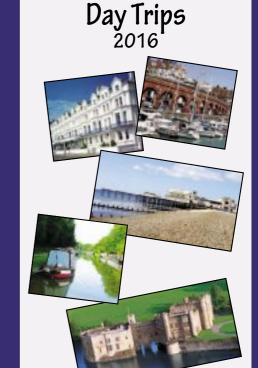
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Goalkeepers: Wayne Hennessey (Crystal Palace), Danny Ward (Liverpool), Owain Fon Williams (Inverness)

Defenders: Ben Davies (Tottenham), Neil Taylor (Swansea), Chris Gunter (Reading), Ashley Williams (Swansea), James Chester (West Brom), Ashley Richards (Fulham), Paul Dummett (Newcastle), Adam Henley (Blackburn), Adam Matthews (Sunderland), James Collins (West Ham)

Midfielders: Aaron Ramsey (Arsenal), Joe Ledley (Crystal P), David Vaughan (Nottm Forest), Joe Allen (Liverpool), David Cotterill (Birmingham), Jonathan Williams (Crystal P), George Williams (Fulham), Andy King (Leicester), Emyr Huws (Wigan), Dave Edwards (Wolves)

Forwards: Hal Robson-Kanu (Unattached), Sam Vokes (Burnley), Tom Bradshaw (Walsall), Tom Lawrence (Leicester), Simon Church (Charlton), Wes Burns (Walsall)

Star player - Gareth Bale



The world's most expensive player was a force of nature in the Euro 2016 qualifiers as he dragged Wales towards France with his attacking brilliance and his infectious work-rate. Seven goals and two assists in qualifying make the Real Madrid man simply irreplaceable.

Coach - Chris Coleman

The former Fulham and Real Sociedad manager took some time to convince the critics he was the man for the job. But Coleman has developed a successful tactical strategy and fostered a terrific team spirit.



AARON RAMSEY has always kept the faith.

In choosing football over other sports, to believing that Arsenal was a better bet than Manchester United, Ramsey had to make tough decisions at an early age.

Then came personal heartache and loss. The shattering double fracture when still a teenager and the tragic death of his Wales manager Gary Speed, the man who had made him the youngest captain of his country at the age of 20 years and 90 days.

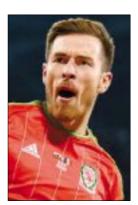
It was an honour that Ramsey was to lose when Speed's successor, Chris Coleman, wanted the more experienced Ashley Williams to wear the armband, and for the midfielder to focus on his

Ramsey did so as he won over the snipers who had openly questioned what Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger saw in the young Welshman.

He scored the winner in the 2014 FA Cup final victory over Hull - Arsenal's first major trophy for nine years - and his box-to-box energy, passing ability, and eye for goal made him impossible for Wenger to omit and drew admiring glances from Barcelona.

All the time Ramsey was adamant that Wales would end

Joy follows



Midfielder Aaron Ramsev

58 years of hurt by qualifying for Euro 2016.

"I always believed we could get ourselves into a position like that from when Gary Speed took over and you could see

everything being put in place," Ramsey said last year.

"We started off really well under him and what happened knocked us for a while

"It wasn't an easy thing to overcome, but I never thought we would fail under Chris.

After coming through Cardiff City's academy, he then turned down Manchester United's approach and joined Arsenal because of Wenger's track record of turning youngsters into world-class players.

A split second at Stoke, though, would soon turn the Welshman's dream move into a nightmare.

A tackle by Stoke defender Ryan Shawcross in February 2010 broke the tibia and fibula in Ramsey's right leg.

Ramsey would not play again for Arsenal for over a year, as a career which had only known an upwards trajectory was forced to take in loan spells at Nottingham Forest and Cardiff

Speed offered Ramsey encouragement with the Wales captaincy, but eight months later the manager's sudden death left a nation grieving.

Coleman felt the pressure was too great, and Ramsey needed to take a step back to have a greater impact. It was to prove a masterstroke.

While Gareth Bale played the lead role in guiding Wales to France, Ramsey has blossomed in the central attacking midfield role.

"We have shown we have a team capable of beating anyone," said Ramsey. "One of my targets for this season was to help Wales to qualify and to show what I'm capable of doing on the big stage.

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Wales' own captain marvel, Swansea's Ashley Williams

Ash burns bright

by Phil Blanche

WALES captain Ashley Williams is the outsider who came in from the cold.

The teenage Williams was shown the door at West Brom and had to fight his way to the top via non-league football and plenty of unglamorous jobs outside the game.
On a CV that includes spells

at Hednesford and Stockport, there is also time served as a petrol station attendant, a waiter and a stall worker at a theme park.

Even when Wolverhamptonborn Williams eventually wore the red of Wales, courtesy of a Welsh grandfather, he might have been forgiven for feeling like a foreigner.

Chris Coleman chose the man with the broad Midlands accent to replace Aaron Ramsey as captain in October 2012, as Wales struggled to cope with the transition following the tragic death of previous manager Gary Speed.

But Williams, who had joined Swansea from Stockport in 2008, was caught in the

Wales skipper reaches top from unlikely beginnings

crossfire as the inter-club rivalry in Welsh football reared its head. "Ashley Williams, he's not even Welsh," sang a section of Cardiff fans keen to show support for their former favourite Ramsey.

Nearly four years on, that dissent has disappeared and Williams is now the undisputed leader of a side which ended 58 years of hurt by qualifying for Euro 2016. He was the rock in a defence which conceded only

four times in 10 qualifiers. So no-one in Wales will be worrying where he was born and brought up when Coleman's side play England in Lens, least of all Williams.

"I wasn't born here, I grew up watching England in football, rugby, whatever," Williams has said.

"I have Welsh blood, but I'm not stupid enough to go around saying I'm Welsh when I was born where I was born - but I know what I feel. I know people will have their opinions

hopefully people can see I've given my all for the country.

"I know what it means because I feel it.

Williams was making his reputation at Stockport when a slice of luck set him on the path to an international career.

Brian Flynn, then Wales youth chief, had travelled to Stockport to watch Wayne Hennessey during the goalkeeper's loan spell from Wolves. Flynn was impressed with the young central defender with the Welsh-sounding surname, and enquiries were made as to whether Williams qualified for Wales.

When the Football Association of Wales were told the answer was yes, Williams was duly named in John Toshack's next squad and made his debut against Luxembourg in March 2008.

The very next day Williams strengthened his ties to Wales by signing for Swansea, first on loan and then in a permanent £400.000 deal.

Williams was soon celebrating promotion from League One and, three years later, was a mainstay of the Swansea side which won promotion to the Premier League through the play-offs. In the intervening five seasons he has developed into one of the most consistent defenders in the top flight and was key in Swansea winning the Capital One Cup in 2013 and qualifying for Europe.

Williams' leadership skills were spotted by Swansea long before Coleman decided to replace the popular Ramsey, and his injury-free record is remarkable. The 31-year-old has now made more than 350 appearances for Swansea and has become indispensable for club and country.

"It took so long to qualify but it isn't job done - it's the start of something else now," said Williams. "We want this to be a springboard."

The roller-coaster ride for the former theme park worker may not be about to stop in France.

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Group C - Northern Ireland

Squad

Goalkeepers: Alan Mannus (St Johnstone), Michael McGovern (Hamilton Academical), Roy Carroll (Linfield).

Defenders: Craig Cathcart (Watford), Jonathan Evans (West Bromwich Albion), Gareth McAuley (West Bromwich Albion), Luke McCullough (Doncaster Rovers), Conor McLaughlin (Fleetwood Town), Lee Hodson (MK Dons), Aaron Hughes (free agent), Patrick McNair (Manchester United), Chris Baird (Derby County).

Midfielders: Steven Davis (Southampton), Oliver Norwood, (Reading), Corry Evans, (Blackburn Rovers), Shane Ferguson (Millwall), Stuart Dallas (Leeds United), Niall McGinn (Aberdeen), Jamie Ward (Nottingham Forest).

Forwards: Kyle Lafferty (Norwich City), Conor Washington (Queens Park Rangers), Josh Magennis (Kilmarnock), Will Grigg (Wigan Athletic)

Star player - Kyle Lafferty



The Norwich striker may have found first-team football hard to come by at club level in recent times, prompting a loan move to Birmingham in March, but the 28-year-old has been in top form for his country. Lafferty was instrumental as Northern Ireland topped their qualifying group, netting seven goals.

Coach - Michael O'Neill

The 46-year-old endured a difficult start to his Northern Ireland career following his appointment in December 2011, but the former Shamrock Rovers boss has since turned things around, building a strong and balanced team, while steering his country to 30th in the world rankings.



FOUR years ago, while others on the continent were preparing for Euro 2012, a weakened Northern Ireland team shipped six goals for the first time in 51 years in a June friendly with Holland.

The defeat against the World Cup finalists from two years earlier, in Michael O'Neill's second game in charge, was their sixth successive loss. There would be just one more victory in the 16 games that came before the Euro 2016 qualifying campaign.

An expanded 24-team finals gave the Northern Irish some hope of a first major international tournament appearance in 30 years, as did a favourable draw that saw them avoid the continent's traditional heavyweights, yet the magnitude of their achievement in topping the group can only be appreciated by looking at what immediately preceded it.

There was an indication that something special was in store back in September 2014 when the Northern Irish, one down in Budapest with nine minutes to go, fought back against Hungary in their opening qualifier to claim their first away triumph in four years.

It was Kyle Lafferty that got the winner that night and O'Neill's call for him to "step up" was certainly heard.

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Defender Gareth McAuley

Twelve months earlier, after a dismissal against Portugal 13 minutes after he came on, the manager hit Lafferty with some home truths - cut out the clown act and grow up; the penny

dropped. The refocused lynchpin would end qualifying with seven goals and the late equaliser against Hungary in Belfast last September, which came after Chris Baird had been dismissed, brought Northern Ireland to the brink of qualification.

Lafferty was suspended by the time it was sealed on a historic night at Windsor Park as they beat Greece 3-1.

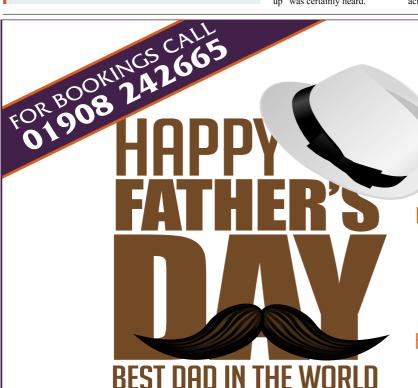
That victory would come in the midst of a 10-match unbeaten run, with a home win over Slovenia in March setting a new national record that surpassed the streak of Billy Bingham's side when they made the World Cup in 1986.

It may have been 30 years since that last finals appearance, but O'Neill has helped foster belief inside his ranks. Their schedule in France is kind, even if the draw is not. Most of O'Neill's squad and indeed starting XI for the Poland fixture picks itself, though the team he selects against in Nice will alter depending on his formation.

The preferred 4-3-3 system used in qualifying has been tweaked to an experimental 5-3-2 in recent fixtures to allow Jonny Evans, Gareth McAuley and Craig Cathcart all to start in familiar centre-back berths in the team's area of strength.

That trio, along with Davis, Roy Carroll and Aaron Hughes, have plenty of experience at international level, and the dark times they endured have made the past few years all the more sweeter.

They will be in France and the Dutch, three-time World Cup finalists, will not. It has been some turnaround





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I'm pretty sure every other manager would have lost the plot with me

Frontman's conversion from joker to scorer

by Liam Blackburn

NORTHERN IRELAND were set on the road to France with a 2-1 victory over Hungary in Budapest in September 2014, but the seeds were sown 12 months earlier, following a defeat to Portugal in Belfast.

On that night, striker Kyle Lafferty was sent off 13 minutes after coming on for a lunge on full-back Joao Pereira, as Michael O'Neill's nine men fell to a 4-2 defeat in a World Cup qualifier.

It came just months after Palermo had let him go to Norwich despite a prolific season because, according to comments made in the Italian press by their president, he was "an out-of-control womaniser".

Following his dismissal against Portugal, O'Neill laid out some uncomfortable home truths for Lafferty. The joker had to go; his country needed a hero

"He sat me down the day after I was sent off against Portugal," Lafferty explained. "It's difficult when you think

"It's difficult when you think you've got a good relationship with someone and a guy you

Kyle's last Laff



Kyle Lafferty's goals powered Northern Ireland through

respect is saying things that hurt you. But when I went away and had a think about it, I knew he was right.

"I had to grow up. I can't always be the player who loves a joke off the pitch, but performs one in every three games. It was difficult and I'm pretty sure every other manager would have lost the plot with me. He made me wake up."

And wake up he did. The late winner in Budapest was the first of seven goals in qualification and a last-gasp equaliser against Hungary in the reverse fixture last September, took the Green and White Army to the brink of a first major international tournament in 30 years.

"Had it not been for the sending-off against Portugal I

don't know if I would be in this position now, helping the team," Lafferty adds.

The 28-year-old, who spent the end of the season on loan at Birmingham, would be suspended for that historic Belfast night against Greece, so the baton was picked up by Steven Davis, the under-rated midfield skipper who could be the true key to Northern Ireland's fortunes across the Channel.

The 31-year-old made his international bow 11 years ago and in 2006 he was handed the armband to become his country's youngest-ever captain.

No stranger to big European occasions having started in the 2008 UEFA Cup final for Rangers, it was his brace against Greece last October that sealed Northern Ireland's first place at a European Championship finals.

"Steven's performance was out of this world; he is a magnificent captain," O'Neill said after the contest.

"Anyone in the squad will validate that opinion. That

gives you an indication of the type of player he is and the person he is."

For Lafferty, Davis, and the likes of fellow veterans Roy Carroll, Aaron Hughes and Gareth McAuley, recent success is all the sweeter given the dark davs of previous years.

"It has been difficult at times playing for Northern Ireland and trying to get consistency and results," Davis admitted.

"You have to dig deep sometimes, but qualifying makes it all worthwhile. Now we can look forward to France which is an amazing feeling."

Ahead of pre-tournament friendlies with Belarus and Slovakia, Northern Ireland were unbeaten in 10 games – a record-breaking run which has seen them eclipse the feat of Billy Bingham's team when they reached the World Cup finals in 1986.

O'Neill has enhanced belief in the past two years and Group C should hold no fear for his side, even if world champions Germany are one of their opponents alongside Poland and Ukraine.

Germany

The world champions will be one of the teams to beat and, in spite of a few stutters during qualifying, there is little to suggest otherwise. Germany are unlikely to be fazed by their group draw, with Poland their biggest threat.

Poland



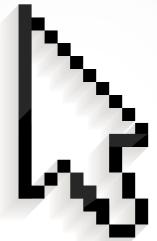
Several teams at Euro 2016 could be labelled as one-man teams and Poland fall into that category. There is clearly more to the team than just Robert Lewandowski but there is no doubt the Bayern Munich striker is the main threat for Poland.

Ukraine



The war in Ukraine has proved once again there is more to life than football, but success at Euro 2016 – after beating Slovenia in a play-off – would at least bring some much-needed cheer to the country.

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Group E - Republic

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ROY KEANE divides opinion in Ireland.

There are those who will never forgive him for the Saipan meltdown which saw him return home from the 2002 World Cup finals without kicking a ball, those who believe he may have had a point, but might have dealt with the situation in more conciliatory fashion, and others who all but worship the ground he rampages across in his own inimitable style.

Whatever else Keane is, he is definitely box office material, a factor not lost on former Republic of Ireland team-mate Niall Quinn when he offered him the chance to launch his managerial career at Sunderland in August 2006.

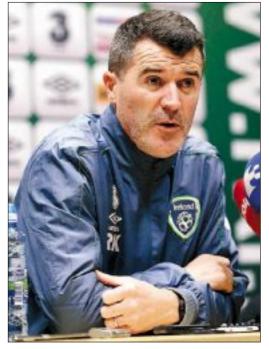
For better or for worse, the 44-year-old Corkman is never far from the headlines with his very presence, let alone his forthright views and dry wit, newsworthy long after his glittering on-field career drew to a close.

It will be no different this summer as Keane in his role as Ireland's assistant manager heads for the Euro 2016 finals.

The former Manchester United captain, who was capped 67 times by his country, has become accustomed to, if not comfortable with, the circus which accompanies his every move, and despite retaining ambition to return to club football one day, is clearly enjoying his spell working under Martin O'Neill.

Perhaps more significantly, he appears to be rather good at it too

Ever since Keane launched his coaching career, there has been a perception that he would not be able to cope with players who were unable to do what he was able to do on a football



Roy Keane has combined well with boss Martin O'Neill

pitch, but that transition has rarely looked problematical for him.

He freely admits he made mistakes in the transfer market after taking Sunderland up into the Premier League at the first attempt and being presented with a more than competitive war-chest by Quinn's Drumaville consortium, and his tolerance – or more accurately, lack of it – of boardroom involvement of what he considered to be his realm, ultimately led to his departure from the Stadium of Light.

As a result, eyebrows were inexplicably raised when he

accepted O'Neill's offer to work as his assistant, a role he for a time combined with a similar position at Aston Villa under then manager Paul Lambert, but it is a partnership which has since flourished and blossomed.

O'Neill has accepted from the start that there could come a time when his No.2 was offered the chance to return to club management, but he firmly believes whatever happens in the future, Keane has benefitted from his time back in the Ireland fold.

He said: "I think this has

He said: "I think this has been very, very good for him.

Star player - Robbie Keane



Keane is no longer a guaranteed starter for Ireland, but his importance on and off the pitch cannot be over-estimated. The 35-year-old LA Galaxy frontman had scored 67 goals in 143 senior appearances for his country at the start of 2016 and while his glittering career is drawing to a close, he remains an inspirational figure.

Coach - Martin O'Neill

O'Neill was the popular choice to succeed Giovanni Trapattoni and his decision to employ Roy Keane as his No.2 captured the imagination. The combination has to date paid dividends with O'Neill's attention to detail and motivational powers having blended well with Keane's winning mentality.



Squad

Goalkeepers: Darren Randolph (West Ham), Shay Given (Stoke), Keiren Westwood (Sheffield Wednesday).

Defenders: Cyrus Christie (Derby), Seamus Coleman (Everton), Ciaran Clark (Aston Villa), Richard Keogh (Derby), Shane Duffy (Blackburn), John O'Shea (Sunderland), Stephen Ward (Burnley).

Midfielders: James McClean (West Brom), Glenn Whelan (Stoke), James McCarthy (Everton), Jeff Hendrick (Derby), Stephen Quinn (Reading), Wes Hoolahan (Norwich), David Meyler (Hull City), Robbie Brady (Norwich), Aiden McGeady (Everton).

Forwards: Jon Walters (Stoke), Shane Long (Southampton), Robbie Keane (LA Galaxy), Daryl Murphy (Ipswich).

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Robbie Keane may be nearing the end of his career, but he is still Ireland's talisman

Will he want to manage on his own again? Absolutely, and if an opportunity comes up, a really good opportunity, then I would wish him all the best."

As intense a character as he can be, Keane appears at ease on the training pitch, where players who grew up marvelling at his contribution for both club and country relish the opportunity to work under him.

But perhaps more significantly, he obviously enjoys working with and trying to improve them under the careful gaze of a manager for whom he has immense respect. The snarling countenance and popping veins of his playing days may have gone to be replaced by a disarming jocularity which has allowed him to forge a relaxed relationship with the squad, although he remains relentlessly focussed on the job

Asked about skipper Robbie Keane's availability for the key qualifier against Germany in October after he had delayed his arrival in Dublin to attend the birth of his second son in Los Angeles, a bemused Keane replied: "Yes, why wouldn't he be? He didn't have the baby.

Unless he's breast-feeding, he

should be all right."
However, it would be a
mistake to assume the winning
mentality which has fuelled
Keane ever since he pulled on
his first pair of football boots
has waned as he has mellowed.

The draw for the finals has pitched the Republic into a tough group, but that is not something which will faze their societart concern.

assistant manager.

Keane said: "We won't be short on hunger and desire and determination, and with the players and the manager we have, hopefully we'll give every play a good game."

Belgium

Belgium have climbed to the top of FIFA's rankings courtesy of a golden generation of players feted throughout Europe and are serious contenders to win their first major tournament at Euro 2016.

For a small nation, the talent at head coach Marc Wilmots' disposal is staggering and Belgium will head across the border to France as the best bet to challenge world champions Germany, the hosts and Spain for the Henri Delaunay Trophy.

Italy

at hand.

Italy are a much-altered beast since they reached the final at Euro 2012 but the changes have not necessarily been for the better.

The swashbuckling displays of the best days of the Cesare Prandelli era have been replaced by a pragmatic approach that saw Italy squeeze their way past all of their qualifying opponents, barring Croatia, who held them to a pair of draws.

Italy lack the star quality of the past and are now rated as just outsiders.

Sweden

Euro 2016 could well be Zlatan Ibrahimovic's last major international tournament so do not expect the talismanic striker to bow out quietly.

Always outspoken, often unplayable, the 34-year-old is now in the twilight of his career, but he remains the star of this Swedish outfit.

He dragged his country through their qualifying campaign almost single-handedly, scoring 11 of their 19 goals and he has the ideal chance to live up to his billing in



Betting guide

French fancy fun chez nous

by Lenny Miller

FRANCE know better than most the importance of home advantage, and they have got the players to replicate the achievements of the class of '98 in front of their own fans.

That World Cup-winning squad is arguably the best group of players any country has ever assembled at one tournament. Marcel Desailly, Laurent Blanc, Bixente Lizarazu, Lillian Thuram, Emmanuel Petit, Patrick Vieira, Youri Djorkaeff, Robert Pires, Zinedine Zidane, Thierry Henry and David Trezeguet. That generation were all world-class and are now legends.

Their skipper, Didier
Deschamps, is now the coach,
and will know his current crop
cannot live up to that impossibly
high standard, but that's not to
say the 3-1 favourites are not
good enough to win Euro 2016.

They have a formidable spine, with Hugo Lloris one of the world's best goalkeepers, and

Stan James odds

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Spain	11-2
England	9-1
Belgium	10-1
Italy	16-1

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 Cristiano Ronaldo
 Portugal
 7-1

 Antoine Griezmann
 France
 8-1

 Harry Kane
 England
 12-1

 Romelu Lukaku
 Belgium
 12-1

 Robert Lewandowski
 Poland
 14-1

Raphael Varane, 23, the most highly-rated young defender on the planet. Midfielder Paul Pogba, also 23, is destined for great things, while their options up front, even without Karim Benzema, are mind-boggling.

Deschamps isn't lacking for pace in that department, with Anthony Martial, Kingsley Coman and Atletico Madrid's prolific Antoine Griezmann in his ranks. Olivier Giroud and Andre-Pierre Gignac can play the target man role if needed. Sevilla's Kevin Gameiro didn't even make the squad.

World champions Germany

(10-3) and European Championship holders Spain (11-2) represent France's biggest threat, but are not at the peak of their powers, as they were when winning those titles.

Germany, with a few players retired and a couple of injuries, are a team in transition. They were not convincing in qualifying, losing to Poland and Ireland, and only managed clean sheets against minnows Gibraltar (twice) and Georgia (once).

Spain had a nightmare in Brazil two years ago, relinquishing their World Cup crown in the group phase, but



their squad looks formidable. Any manager who can afford to leave out Santi Cazorla, Juan Mata and Diego Costa from their 23-man squad must be blessed, and Vicente del Bosque certainly is just that.

Aritz Aduriz is someone to keep an eye on. The Athletic Bilbao veteran scored 36 goals in all competitions in 2015-16, and is certainly worth a few pennies to be the tournament's top goalscorer at 30-1. Game time could be an issue, but Fernando Torres has shown in the past you don't have to be a regular starter to achieve that accolade.

Euro quiz

- 1 Which nation, apart from Germany, have appeared in all European Championship finals from 1988 to 2012?
- **2** What was England's best finish in a European Championship?
- **3** Who has made the most appearances as a player and a coach in the finals?
- **4** Who has scored the most hat-tricks in the tournament?
- **5** How many times have champions Spain won the title?
- **6** Who won the inaugural competition
- 7 Which team were the first to win the
- competition via a penalty shootout?
- **8** What year did Germany first compete as a unified country?
- **9** Wales are taking part in their first European Championship finals. How far did they reach in the 1958 World Cup?
- **10** How many times have fellow finals newcomers Northern Ireland competed in a World Cup finals?

ANSWERS

A Vetherlands, Z Third place (1968), **5** Dino Zoff (Italy, one as a player and one as a coach). 4 Michel Platini (France, 2), **5** Three, **6** Soviet Union, **7** Czechoslovakia in 1976, **8** 1992, **9** Quarter-finals, **10** Twice (1958, 1982)

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dancedelight

THERE will be high kicks and slick moves on Saturday as the Kathryn Ford School of Dance takes to the stage to present its annual show at Stantonbury Theatre.

The school, which has more than 100 young pupils, offers classes in ballet, tap, modern, jazz and street dance. It also holds adult classes in ballet, tap and fitstep.

With all the students working hard towards the show, called Steppin Out, it promises to be a wonderful display of dance. And with dancers right the way from baby ballet through

to adult tappers there will be something for everyone.

Tickets for the show, taking

place at 2.30pm and 6pm, cost £12 for adults and £8 for kids, from stantonburytheatre.co.uk



RABBIT awareness week takes place from June 18-26.

During this week, many vets in the local area and nationwide will be offering free

health checks for your bunny. This will allow them to get a good health check and discuss any questions that you may have about the care, feeding and housing of a rabbit.

They have quite specific requirements as far as care goes so it is important to know about this in order to be a responsible owner.

More than 67,000 rabbits are given up to be MK LIFE'S animal expert AMY CONVERSE, from /ets4Pets in Bletchley, tells readers about the nportance of doing your research before buying a rabbit

rehomed every year.

This is usually down to owners not being able to cope with the requirements of rabbit ownership, including neutering and vaccination costs and behavioural issues.

If you are considering getting a rabbit, it is important to know as much information as possible beforehand.

During rabbit awareness week vets can discuss any questions that you might have.

To find a participating vet near you visit the website rabbitawarenessweek.co.uk





sunnyfair

TAKING place in the marquee in the Willen Hospice gardens, this year's Summer Fair will play host to a range of wonderful stalls and live entertainment.

With a huge collection of new and donated goods, the vintage tea shop, a barbecue. ice cream, live music, a fashion show, dog show and more, it's one not to miss

It takes place on Sunday from noon to 4pm and entry is free.

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royaltreat

MILTON Keynes Museum's Victorian Weekend is back – and it promises to be bigger and better than ever! On Saturday and Sunday

there's an opportunity to be enthralled by a Victorian fairground, take afternoon tea with Queen Victoria and enjoy

tales about Harry Houdini. Meet Charles Dickens, learn about liquorice making with Jack Greene, try your hand at a coconut shy and bring in your Victorian photos for examination.

The event runs from 11am-4.30pm on both days and there is no charge on top of the museum admission price.

Entry is £9 for adults, £6 for children aged five to 16 and under fives go free.

Family tickets for two adults and up to four children are £26.

feelgood



Richard says he saw in London when he was younger and can't wait to bring to Milton Keynes

"When I watched it, it was two-and-a-half hours of pure joy," said Richard, who played

Craig Harris in the ITV soap. Go to atgtickets.com to book your tickets for Guys and Dolls, which will be performed at 7.30pm from Tuesday to Saturday, June 18.

There will also be matinee performances on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday at



openstudio

AS PART of Bucks Open Studios a printmaker is opening her studios up to the public.

Bucks Open Studios is the largest visual arts event in the county, with Helen Taylor among 500 artists and makers opening up their studios this month. She will open her home studio in Great Linford

to showcase her interesting work every day from Saturday until Sunday, June 26 except for Friday, June 17 and Friday, June 24. Find more information visit bucksopenstudio.org.uk







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DIRECTOR Bryan Singer tries to emulate the success of Marvel's lucrative Avengers ensemble franchise with X-Men Apocalypse, but ends up getting the mutants in a muddle.

mutantmatch

In the ninth instalment in the series, the reawakening of En Sabah Nur - the world's first ever mutant - in 1983 leads to plans to purge the earth of humanity.

James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender and Jennifer Lawrence reprise their roles as the X-Men unite to battle the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse and protect the planet

Quicksilver again steals the show in several scenes and there are welcome returns to the series for

Cyclops and Nightcrawler. Recent prequels First Class and Days of Future Past had given the franchise a new lease on life, but Apocalypse struggles under the weight of too many mini-narratives.

Heroes past and present come together - there's even a cameo from Hugh Jackman's Wolverine – but too much of the 147-minute running time is spent developing to a satisfactory and slightly underwhelming finale.

The superhero genre is becoming increasingly crowded and the X-Men franchise is in need of another shot in the arm to stand out once

Chris Knight











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teapackage

MK LIFE has teamed up with newly-opened T2 to offer one lucky reader a personal shopping experience and a gift

box worth £100.
T2 is Australia's most-loved tea brand, which has been reinventing and reimagining the humble tea leaf for 20 years, and the county's first store has recently opened at the centre:mk.

From brew to cup. T2 is about informing, inspiring and creating an unforgettable encounter.

A visit to one of its stores is like stepping into a world of theatre and spectacle. It's a melting pot of exotic smells, taste sensations, intricate tea-wares and eye-popping displays.

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Jane Hoban, T2's global marketing director, said: "The UK market is very important for us as a brand emerging globally. We are hugely excited to be opening

shopping experience STONY Live! continues this week with more great entertainment on

liveacts

Taking place between 6.30pm and 7.30pm today and on Friday and 10.30am to 11.30am on Saturday, the Stony Stratford Theatre Society will be performing excerpts from Shakespeare's works, **left**.

TC3, pictured above, will also be in concert between 8pm and 10.30pm on Saturday, with lan, Irene and Louise taking a break from Taylor'd Country to bring you a relaxed acoustic concert of their favourite songs. Tickets cost £5 and can be bought from York House.

Another highlight will be when one of the UK's top Beatles tribute bands, Ultimate Beatles, bring their show to The Cock Hotel on Friday. Tickets are available from Odells Shop in Stony High Street for £11.



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judgesreturn

SO THE new judging panel for the X Factor has been unveiled and some of our favourite judges from previous series return for 2016!

Joining Simon Cowell for the 13th series will be Sharon Osbourne, former Pussycat Doll Nicole Scherzinger and Louis Walsh.

Sharon, who last won the show with Sam Bailey in 2013, said: "I'm overjoyed about going back to the X Factor, sitting with Lou, Lou, gorgeous Nicole and naughty Simon. But most of all, I can't wait to meet baby Eric.'

Nicole, who won in 2012 with James Arthur, said: "I can't wait to be back in the UK and on the show with the best



judges sitting alongside me on the panel."

Finally Louis thinks he got the call because Simon missed him. "He'd say otherwise but I knew Simon missed me last year!"

Auditions for the new series took place in Milton Keynes in March and we'll be able to see whether anyone from the city makes it to our screens when

the show returns in September. Don't forget to vote for your favourite film to be shown at The Parks Trust's Open Air Film Festival this summer. You can check out details of all the films at heart.co.uk. And get voting!

Tune in to Heart Breakfast with Stuart Miles and Katy Hill on Heart 103.3 FM, DAB, at heart.co.uk or via the Heart mobile app

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kanowonder

HOT off his sell out Made in the Manor tour, Kano will perform a very special one off show at WonderWorld, CMK.

To book your ticket, which costs £8.95 for the 10pm gig, go to skiddle.com

Minimum age is 18 Kano is an MC and grime rapper, with Made in the Manor being his fifth album that got to number eight in the charts.



JANEY Bombshell the catsuit wondergirl headlines The Stable's Supersonic 70s Show on Saturday.

Music from the likes of Queen. The Carpenters, Saturday Night Fever and Grease will be performed

For tickets, which cost £18.50, go to www.thestables.org The show begins at 8pm.

fridayfilm

will be shown at MK **Gallery on Friday night.**The flick explores the bond between two friends in a Swiss Alps

the 2015 film Youth, which

MICHAEL Caine stars as Fred in

lodge. Harvey Keitel, Rachel Weisz, Paul Dano and Jane Fonda also star. Tickets cost £3 for

concessions and £5 for adults to see the film. which starts at 7.30pm. To pre-book go to www. mkgallery.org

cityorchestra

MILTON Keynes City Orchestra is hosting a Tchaikovsky tribute night at Milton Keynes Theatre on Sunday.

Soloist Pavel Kolesnikov from Russia plays the much-loved Piano Concerto No. 1 and the Fifth Symphony will also be performed.

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FELICITY, well educated, sophisticated lady, 38yrs, unhappily married and looking for a distraction with a man 30+, must be discreet. Text Only Box: 4023417

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FEMALE, young 58, 5ft2, size 14, blonde, bubbly, GSOH, warm, loving, kind and caring, loves music, animals, seaside, looking for that special someone. Text only Mailbox: 4715158

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LEE, 44, honest, genuine and very caring looking for the same in a woman. Text only Mailbox: 5422168

MALE, 56, slim, 6ft, considerate and caring seeks similar type female to share life with. Text only Mailbox: 5388635

CLIVE young 60yr, single, looking for lady 55-75, looks not important, for romantic dates and fun time in/out lpswich area. **Text only Mailbox**: 5450831

MALE, 53, tall, slightly overweight, grey hair, blue eyes, nice smile, caring, looking for LTR with a feminine woman, 50-54, if you're interested please get in touch. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 421639

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4426 Box No: 422011 ROSEMARY early 50s, GSOH, likes

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Has Broadchurch kiosk got it licked?

THE ability of TV series to help make tourist destinations popular is illustrated well by this ice-cream hut, which is to be auctioned soon and expected to fetch £65,000.

The detached shack in the South West is near a popular beach and was bought, according to the Dorset Echo, by the current owner for £26,000. They have since spent £15,000 doing it up.

Auctioneer Cliver Emson says interest in the kiosk has been whipped up to a large extent by the popularity of TV series Broadchurch, which in recent years has completed much of its filming in the streets of West Bay, where the hut is located.

Broadchurch fans are hoping the crime drama finds a return to form when it makes its next outing early next year and actors Olivia Colman and David Tennant are busy filming the third and final series, reprising



their roles of Detectives Miller and Hardy.

Sir Lenny Henry is also set to join the show's cast along with other new characters played by Sarah Parish, Roy Hudd and former Coronation Street star Julie Hesmondalgh. Although the shack has been used as an ice cream kiosk in recent years, the auctioneers reckon it could be used for residential purposes, pending planning permission.

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Prince's secret Spanish villa for sale

MUSIC lovers still mourning Prince after his shock death in April will soon find out what made the flamboyant pop legend feel at home.

Set to rival Elvis' Graceland in Memphis, Prince's £4.6m Paisley Park home in Minnesota is going to become a museum, where visitors can have a good poke around the extravagant complex, complete with recording studio, massive wardrobe, studio and dance rehearsal room.

Prince also spent time on the Costa del Sol, where he bought a luxury pad for ex-wife Mayte Garcia as a wedding gift after falling in love with Spain while performing a concert in Marbella in 1990.

The musician decorated the home with his signature style, painting rooms in his favourite colour purple and inscribing a wardrobe of crystal, wood and gold with his trademark symbol. But the couple divorced in 2000 and Garcia sold the property in 2006.

His former seven bedroom Adorna Tierra estate is on the market again, with a price tag of 7.5m euros. Set in 1.45 acres, it's been completely renovated since the Purple One's day, but is still pretty opulent with a grand, chandelier-hung entrance hall, sunken bath, outdoor Jacuzzi, air-conditioning throughout and marble floors.

There's a large living room, dining room and breakfast room, all with panoramic windows, along with separate guest house, swimming pool, tennis court and three garages. As you'd expect after having a reclusive owner, it's completely walled and private with top-notch security systems.

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ir Isaac Newton's story reads like a rags-to-riches tale of a lonely fatherless boy from a sheep farm who went on to become a scientific genius and one of the greatest men of his age.

His work on defining and explaining gravitation as well as the three laws of motion are some of the most influential scientific theories every developed. But the well-known boffin was born prematurely in 1643 and not expected to survive infancy. Despite this, he'd become a professor of maths at Cambridge University by the age of 26.

When Cambridge University closed because of the plague, Newton went back home to Lincolnshire in 1666 and performed many experiments, famously observing an apple fall from a tree in his garden.

Woolsthorpe Manor in Colsterworth is now a National Trust property where scores of tourists and would-be scientists pay homage to his fruit trees. It's just down the road from this detached stone manor house with an interesting connection to the scientific genius. Not only is the staircase

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said to have come from his house, but it's also thought that when the property served as the local court house, Newton was fined there as a young boy for letting his sheep roam unattended. James Abbott of Savills, says: "It is a lovely house with a versatile layout, which is positioned within very private gardens in the centre of the village."

On the market for £695,000, the property is set over three floors, within large grounds. It's stuffed with character, such as the stone inglenook fireplace in the sitting room and exposed beams and stone mullion windows in the four bedrooms. A large outbuilding houses a garage and workshop.

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AS the broom-wielding, humourless battle-axe in Last Of The Summer Wine, Nora Batty – with her curlers and saggy stockings – became a TV comedy icon.

Nora's pursuit by Compo provided some wacky storylines in the beloved BBC sitcom, including her scruffy suitor attempting to have his photograph taken in her bedroom and devising a complicated plan to establish her shoe size.

The tale of three eccentric old duffers ambling around a small Yorkshire town ran for 31 series and was finally put out to pasture in 2010. Actress Kathy Staff starred as Nora in the very first show in January 1973 and when Compo (Bill Owen) died in 1999, Staff announced plans to leave. She was persuaded to stay and, apart from a brief spell in the revived ITV soap Crossroads, continued to play the character until shortly before her death aged 80 in 2008.

If you're a Nora fan there's a veritable shrine to her in Last Of



The Summer Wine country, Holmfirth, which is currently rented out for £500 per week.

The two-bedroom house, which can sleep six, appeared in dozens of episodes of the world's longest-running sitcom, and has been up for sale at £169,950 although the owner is now open to offers.

It's got a lounge, dining kitchen and garden overlooking the river and the town. Signed photographs of Nora adorn the walls of one bedroom, there's a life-size cut-out of Compo in the bathroom and props used in the filming are dotted around the house

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Cottage with royal connections

VIEWERS of Sunday tea-time TV don't generally like surprises and those who tuned into the much-loved series Heartbeat got a gentle introduction to spin-off The Royal.

Not only did it keep the cop drama's Yorkshire setting and 1960s flavour but familiar Heartbeat characters featured in the first series including Gina Ward and PC Alf Ventress as well as Claude Greengrass, back from the Tropics with a mysterious disease which gave actor Bill Maynard the chance to lie in bed and order everyone around.

At the time, the show's directors reckoned viewers would get comfort from the odd appearance of people they knew. Other well-known faces joined the cosy cast, with Wendy Craig as matron and Ian Carmichael as hospital secretary T.J. Middleditch, in plots centred



around medical emergencies and the resulting moral dilemmas.

The Royal, which ran from 2003 to 2011, was already known to Heartbeat fans as the cottage hospital in nearby Elsinby, a fictional rural seaside town, portrayed as being close to Heartbeat's home-town of Aidensfield. But it was actually filmed at the Red Court building on Scarborough's Esplanade – used as the hospital's exterior and still regularly visited by the

Built in 1905, it was a hotel at one time but later converted into apartments.

A three-bedroom mews cottage in the building is now up for sale at £235,000. As the building's original coach house, its access is through a covered side entrance. It's set over two floors with lounge, breakfast kitchen and conservatory with communal gardens and off-road parking.

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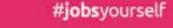
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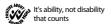
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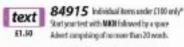
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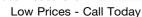


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SECTION 73 WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

Single storey rear extension at 4 Northampton Road, Lavendon.

16/00829/FUL

Two storey rear extension at The Old Byre, 2 Harpers Lane, Great Linford. 16/01187/FUL

Sub-division of existing dwelling to form new self-contained studio dwelling at 32B Stratford Road, Wolverton

16/01306/MMAM Minor material amendment to application 15/01302/MKCOD3 to vary conditions 1 (approved plans), 8 (retained trees plan) and 16 (landscaping scheme) for amendments to new access at Bushfield School, Moon Street, Wolverton. LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

SECTION 67 & 73 Erection of first floor rear extension to 11 School Lane and alteration to fenestration to adjoining property 16 North Street at 11 School Lane, Castlethorpe. 16/01158/FUL

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by 4-6 metres at The Old Rectory, High Street,
Great Linford.

16/01141/FUL Construction of an equestrian menage at Hales Folly Farm, Hartwell Road, Hanslope.

Alterations to shop-front including removal of wooden panelling and replacement with glass panels and re-instatement of wooden panelling behind glass panels at 138 Silbury Arcade, Central Milton Keynes. 16/01280/FUL

SECTION 67 AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING

16/01252/FUL

Variation of condition 5 (sustainable water drainage strategy) attached to 16/00045/MMAM for amendment to design of swales at The Kickles, Lakes Lane, Newport Pagnell.

DEPARTURE FROM LOCAL PLAN

Outline planning permission for the erection of 21 dwellings, comprising 6 affordable and 15 market dwellings, provision of vehicular access and roadway, parking, open space, new right of way, landscaping and foul water pumping station, 16/01208/OUT

surface water drainage and swales. (resubmission of 15/01912/OUT) at Land Off Calverton Road, Stony Stratford

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16/01285/RFM

Reserved matters application pursuant to outline planning permission 15/02002/OUT for appearance, scale and landscaping of 6 residential dwellings at Stantonbury Park Farm, Wolverton Road, Great Linford.

16/01345/MKCOD3 Variation of conditions 1 (approved plans), 18

I Variation of conditions 1 (approved plans), 18th (internal plant and machinery operating hours) and 26 (barrier to staff car park) attached to application 15/00433/MKCD3 to amend the approved elevations, roof plan and entrance column design of the approved building, to amend the approved fencing layout, landscaping scheme, planting scheme and entrance feature of the site, amendment to wording of condition 18 to replace "between the hours of" with "outside the hours of" and amendment to condition 26 to replace approved riginal and approved riginal strangers. approved rising arm barrier with heras pallas xtra automated gates at Oakgrove Primary And Nursery School, Atlas Way, Oakgrove.

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- 2) The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (Various Roads and Parts of Roads in Bletchley, Giffard Park,
- Newport Pagnell, Olney and Woolstone) (Temporary Closure) Order 2016
 The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (Wolverton Canal Path (Part), Wolverton) (Temporary Closure) Order 2016; The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (Merlewood Drive, Shenley Wood) (Temporary Closure) Order 2016:
- The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (Silver Street (Part), Newport Pagnell Newport Pagnell Soap Box Derby) (Temporary Closure) Order 2016.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The effect of the above Orders (1 and 2) will be to temporarily prohibit all vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along the following lengths of road in order to allow maintenance and repair works to be carried out on the highway:-

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 High Street, Newport Pagnell From its junction with Union Street to its junction with Ousebank Street
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The effect of the above Order (3) will be to temporarily prohibit all access along that part the Wolverton Canal Towing Path. Wolverton between a point in line with Canal Cottage and a point in line with number 56 King Stephen Meadows in order to allow maintenance and repair works to be carried out on the tow path. The tow path will be closed for a maximum period of 6 months.

The effect of the above Order (4) will be to temporarily prohibit all vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along the entire length of Merlewood Drive, Shenley Wood in order to facilitate section 278 highway improvement works. The closure will be in effect from 20th June 2016 and will continue to be in effect until 12th August 2016.

The effect of the above Order (5) will be to temporarily prohibit all vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding alongSilver Street, Newport Pagnell from its junction with St John Street to a point in line with number 54 Silver Street in order to enable the annual Newport Pagnell Soap Box Derby.

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Titles of the proposed Permanent Traffic Regulation Orders (Proposed 30mph Speed Limit and Alterations to

- The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (Woburn Sands Road, Bow Brickhill) (Restricted Road) Order 2016; The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes) (Central Milton Keynes) (On-Street Premium Rate and Long Stay Pay and Display, Pay by Mobile Phone and Electric Vehicle Parking Places) Order 2013) Variation Order 2016 (No. 2);
- 3) The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes) (Central Milton Keynes) (On-Street Disabled Persons' Vehicle and Electric Vehicle Parking Places) Order 2014) Revocation Order
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make the above Traffic Regulation Order under Sections 45, 46, 49 and 53, 82(2), 83(2), 84(1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The effect of the above Order (1) will be to extend the 30mph speed restriction on Woburn Sands Road, Bow Brickhill, at the north-eastern terminal for a distance of approximately 60 metres in a north-easterly direction. The proposed change comes as a result of the Avant Homes Residential Development at Bow Brickhill which will see a

new junction to residential properties off Woburn Sands Road. A copy of the proposed Orders together with a map showing the areas referred to along with a statement of reason for proposing the Order, may be inspected during opening hours at **Milton Keynes Library**, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, Woburn Sands Library, The Institute, High Street, Woburn Sandfs and during normal office hours at

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Copies of the proposed Orders together with maps showing the areas referred to, and a Statement of Reasons for proposing the Orders may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

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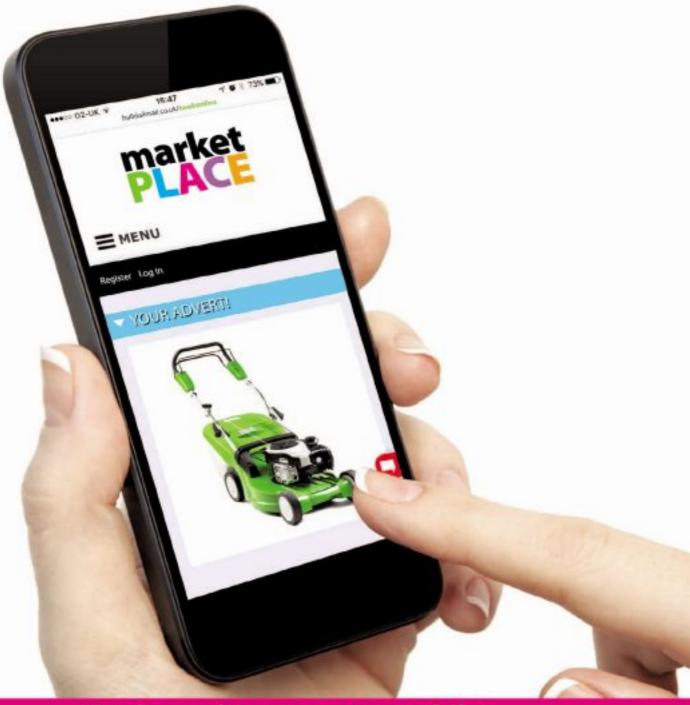






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By: Chris Russon

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Not only is the BMW M3 30 Jahre Edition the quickest production M3, there's only 30 of them to be sold in the UK.

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Mazda MX-5 1.5 **SE-L Nav**

By: Peter Keenan

THE Mazda MX-5 has been bringing smiles to faces for the best part of three decades - and the latest model is similarly a little ray of sunshine. Launched in 1990 it boasted sleek good looks and a superb driving experience and down the years Mazda has focused on keeping those two key ingredients. To say this recipe has been a success is an understatement - especially when you realise a market once festooned with affordable roadsters is by and large down to one. And the fourth generation of the MX-5 is a beauty, going back to its roots to ensure a bright future. Recently voted World Car of the Year at the New York Motor Show, the latest version of the iconic roadster takes its cue from the original. So expect eye-caressing good looks and the agility of a jet fighter as well as the handy ability of being easy to live with on the daily commute. The exterior and cabin strike a pose that would grace the front cover of any fashion magazine. Stylish LED daytime running lights kick things off at the front while silky smooth lines and perfect proportions guarantee it the attention normally reserved for A-list celebrities. The round taillights enhance the classic design which features a long bonnet stretching out in front of driver and passenger. The interior features black cloth covered seats with red stitching as well as body colourco-ordinated upper door trim. There are cubby holes for your keys and smartphone, but no glovebox – although two cup holders are provided. A seven-inch colour touchscreen provides access to the audio and sat nav systems while neat ideas include headrest speakers which are part of a six-strong team ensuring a panoramic sound. Internet radio. Facebook and Twitter functionality are provided

as is Bluetooth which can be accessed from the steering wheel-mounted controls. Efficient air conditioning ensures a pleasant atmosphere if you miss summer's one sunny day to lower the fabric roof. I was lucky to be blessed with the bright yellow disc in the sky during my time with the roadster so I can report the manual operation to take the top off is simplicity itself. The roof is stored behind the driver and passenger so doesn't impinge on the admittedly limited boot space that nevertheless manages to just about handle two overnight bags. Entry and exit from the MX-5 will be no problem for the bright young things destined to buy it, but I must confess that I found myself falling into a low-slung seat, while getting out with a modicum of dignity was only mastered towards the end of my week with the car. The world's best-selling two-seat roadster is powered by either 1.5 or 2.0-litre petrol engines linked to a super-slick six-speed manual gearbox and a clutch that's anything but a chore in traffic. The 1.5-litre unit under the bonnet of the motor I. drove is a rev-loving beast that makes a glorious sound - especially during the 8.3 seconds it takes to get from 0-62mph. The response is helped by the MX-5's new slimline image as it is, unusually for a new car, smaller than the one preceding it. Shedding more than 100kg makes it even more potent on the road while also helping it achieve decent fuel economy figures. It is a dream to drive with a new chassis and supple suspension aided and abetted by point and shoot steering providing thrills while letting you know when spills are imminent. The well-equipped SE-L Nav is two steps up from the entry-level SE model, with two more lavishly equipped versions completing the model range

FAST FACTS

0-62mph: 8.3 second:

Mazda MX-5 1.5 SE-L Nav Price: \$20,195 Mechanical: 131ps, 1,496cc, 4cyl petrol engine driving rear wheels via 6-speed manual gearbox Max speed: 127mph

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Revamp for Vauxhall Zafira Tourer By: Chris Russon



VAUXHALL has released the first official images of its revamped Zafira Tourer MPV which will be on the road in the autumn.

With a new look nose featuring sharper lines and redesigned LED headlamps, the seven seater is also getting more onboard technology with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto connectivity as well as Vauxhall's OnStar emergency assistance system. The images – although of a left-hand-drive model – show a redesigned dashboard with less clutter on the instrument panel and an integrated seven-inch touchscreen giving the driver a greater field of view. Other high tech equipment includes an onboard Wi-Fi set up which allows up to seven devices to be connected as well as adaptive cruise control, automatic emergency braking and lane departure warning.

As with Vauxhall's latest Astra hatchback, the new Zafira Tourer can be had with an adaptive LED lighting system which automatically adjusts the headlamps to provide maximum illumination at night without dazzling other road users. The new model is due for release in October and while prices have still to be announced, the current Zafira Tourer line up ranges from £17,305 for a 1.4-litre petrol model to almost £27,000 for a 2.0-litre diesel.

NISSAN SWITCHES ON SOLAR FARM

BY: MIKE TORPEY

NISSAN has switched on a new solar farm at its Sunderland plant in the North East, the latest landmark in the company's journey towards Intelligent Mobility. Made of up 19,000 photo-voltaic panels, the new 4.75MW facility

Made of up 19,000 photo-voltaic panels, the new 4.75MW facility is now fully operational as the Japanese company strives towards its twin goals of zero emissions and zero fatalities. The solar farm has been installed alongside 10 wind turbines already generating clean power for Nissan in Sunderland, the European production centre for the all-electric Nissan LEAF model and its batteries. Colin Lawther, Nissan's Senior Vice President for Manufacturing, Purchasing and Supply Chain Management in Europe, said: "Renewable energy is fundamental to Nissan's vision for Intellieent Mobility.

"We have built over 50,000 Nissan LEAFs in Europe, and the industry-leading new 250km-range LEAF is now available. "With 10 wind turbines already generating energy for our Sunderland plant, this new solar farm will further reduce the environmental impact of Nissan vehicles during their entire lifecycle." Nissan began integrating renewable energy sources in Sunderland in 2005 when the company installed its first wind turbines on site. The solar farm produces seven per cent of the plant's electricity requirements, enough to built the equivalent of 31,374 vehicles. It has been installed within the loop of Nissan's



vehicle test track in Sunderland by partner company European Energy Photovoltaics, with 100% of the electricity generated to be used by Nissan

Its installation comes as Nissan celebrates its 30th anniversary manufacturing in the UK.

Pursuing a goal of zero emission vehicles and zero fatalities of the road, Nissan's Intelligent Mobility vision is designed to guid

the company sproudce and technology pipelms, And breakthrough initiatives recently announced concerning electric vehicles include a future generation of electric vehicle batteries for the UK battery plant and a major vehicle-to-gric trial in the UK in partnership with energy provider Enel that will see Nissan electric vehicles supplying the UK's National Grid.

EXPERIENCE DELIVERS FOR FORD BY: IAN JOHNSON



IN the world of commercial vehicles experience counts for a lot - and few manufacturers can get anywhere near Ford in that respect.

Ford commercial vehicle sales were at their second highest ever in 2015 and last month achieved an all-time best-ever record.

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Last year Ford's commercial vehicle registrations exceeded 100,000, maintaining its position as the UK's favourite van maker, a status it has held for the past 50 years

years.
The Ford Transit has led the van market from its launch in 1965 and Ford's current CV range secured a 24.8 per

cent share in 2015, up from 23.5 per cent in 2014. The brand's sales lead of 61,041 over its nearest rival - Vauxhall - increased by 38.8 per cent compared with 2014.

In 2015 some 429,576 commercial vehicle sales were recorded - up 16.5 per cent year on year - and Ford grabbed no less than 106,356 of them, a rise of 22.9 per cent.

Continuing the success, Ford went on to record its all-time best-ever month for commercial vehicle sales with 20,735 registrations in March 2016.

Highlights in that performance saw the Transit and the Transit Custom the most popular vans on the market with the Ranger pick-up truck also topping its segment as Ford grabbed 29.4 per cent of the total market.

Ford's recently extended line up of commercial vehicles now sees the Fiesta Van, the Transit Courier, Transit Connect, Transit Custom, Transit and Ranger all placed in the top three in their respective market segments.

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Ford adds ST looks to Fiesta and Focus



By: Chris Russon

SPORTY looking versions of the Fiesta and Focus are on the way as Ford introduces a new ST-Line range of hatchbacks. Resembling the hotter ST hatches the new cars

come with body tweaks such as rear diffusers, honeycomb grilles and grey metallic finish alloys and interior features including sports seats, alloy pedals, perforated leather steering wheel covers and special sill plates. But instead of uprated engines and sports suspension as used on the full blown ST

models, the ST-Line cars are available with Ford's regular range of petrol and diesel engines and come with standard damping The ST-Line Fiesta and Focus will slot into the middle of the two line ups with the Fiesta ST-Line priced from £15,645 and the Focus from £20,595.

Both are available in either three or five door body styles and the Focus ST-Line will also be available with a six-speed semi-auto Powershift gearbox complete with steering wheel mounted paddle shifters.

VOLKSWAGEN TEES UP A GOLF MATCH



By: Mike Torpey

The Golf hatch family is available in 12 trim levels and models, in three or five-door versions and the majority offering a choice of manual or automatic DSG gearboxes. The range starts with the entry-level Golf S at £17,625 and rises in stages to the fiery Golf

TIVOLI LAUNCHES A SPACE INVADER

By: Mike Torpey

FAMILIES, golfers and dog owners are the target audience of Korean company SsangYong for its new Tivoli XLV model due to arrive later this summer. As an extended body version of the brand's popular Tivoli compact SUV, the newcomer boasts more carrying capacity and practicality. Passenger safety has been a top priority for this car, and comes with seven airbags including front, side and curtain bags plus a driver's knee airbag, multifunction ESP, Active Rollover

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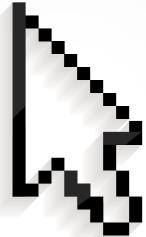
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KICKBOXING



Ready: Kelly Haynes is looking forward to fighting at the O2 on Saturday

Kelly prepares for fight at 02

BY SCOTT KIRK

A BLETCHLEY fighter and British champion will compete at the O2 Arena in London this weekend in the Muai Thai Grand Prix.

Kelly Haynes, 32, will fight Londoner Sara Day on the last fight of the undercard on Saturday night, with the main event being John Wayne Carr taking on Pavlos Kaponis

The mother-of-one says she is very excited about the prospect of fighting at such an iconic venue.

"I've been really overwhelmed with the support I've received and I can't believe I'll be fighting there," she said.

"To be fighting at the O2 at this stage of my career is something that I'm extremely happy

"I have had some great opportunities this year, my training can be intense at times and I put everything into my training.

"I have had some great support from my family and friends and I intend to get good results from my fights as I've worked hard to

"I would also like to add that with my oncoming fight I've had an outstanding response of friends coming to show support. It means a lot to have my close friends and supporters with me on my journey when I go

Kelly expects that around 80 of her supporters will be attending the event.

She also described how training can be made all the tougher given that she has a nine-year-old son, Archie Wright, who she says is very supportive of her fighting career. "Archie is really supportive and the parents

at Emerson Valley School are so supportive as

"I've never trained so hard for a fight and I've absolutely put my heart and soul into the fight in my training."
Kelly, who is the British K1 kickboxing

champion at the Under 55 kilogram level, says she owes a lot to where she is now because of her coaching staff.

Her coach Tony Davis is also her partner, while therapist David Dana and strength and conditioning coach Trevor Killick at the Total Dojo in Bletchlev have also been instrumental in getting Kelly to where she is now.

She also added that her sponsors Wealth Dragons, an events promotion company based at Linford Wood, has enabled her to train even harder for her upcoming fight and opened up a lot of opportunities for her in the

As well as the O2 fight, Kelly has been picked to represent Great Britain in the World Fightsport and Martial Arts Championships, which take place at the University of Manchester from October 14 to 16.



sport briefs

ICE HOCKEY

LEIGH Jamieson has resigned for MK Lightning for the eighth season. Last season he was named in the EPIHL All Star First Team, as nominated by Ice Hockey Journalists UK – the fourth

time in his career he has received the accolade.

busy couple of weeks as

Sunday's Canadian Grand Prix is followed by the

European Grand Prix, which will be in Baku, Azerbaijan,

for the first time. Daniel Ricciardo said the event in

NON-LEAGUE

FOOTBALL

Montreal was among his top five favourite races.

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A Barnes-storming victory as Alice targets a GB place

BY GORDON WISEMAN

ALICE Barnes destroyed the huge field that lined up for the women's JLT Elite Criterium at the Mr Porter London Nocturne on Saturday.

The 20-year-old Drops Cycling Team rider from Milton Keynes beat her rivals under the shadow of St Paul's Cathedral

Slotted into the women's calendar in the middle of a clutch of Matrix Grand Prix series races and between two rounds of British Cycling's Women's Race Series, it was always going to be a big ask for the women to entertain the huge crowds.

But they didn't disappoint and Barnes put in a ride that will be long remembered for its total domination.

From the start, the strongest teams powered away. By the start of the third lap a large group of riders had detached

with about 20 minutes gone Barnes pulled away from the front of the leading four and from that point no other rider had a chance.

"As we came onto the finishing straight I had a dig, looked behind me and saw no-one was keeping up and so thought 'now's the time' and so I just went from there," Barnes said. Lucy Shaw did all she was told to do

by her team's management and so was fresh enough to out-sprint the fast finishing Charlene Joiner (Team Ford Ecoboost) for fourth place leaving Grace Garner to frustratingly finish in sixth place despite her earlier efforts.



Brilliant: Alice Barnes crosses the finish line to take a great victory in London

Barnes added: "I'm pretty happy with that, you can't get better than first. But to do it in that style, I'm more than pretty proud of that. I felt really good through the race and the crowds were just amazing."

And on being reminded that this was the sixth family Barnes win at the London Nocturne: "Oh yes, it's certainly great to add my name to the other Barnes wins. I'll have to text her

now to tell her!" After this week's Matrix races her attention will turn to the Aviva Women's Tour of Britain and there is still the possibility of a slot in the Team GB line-up for the Women's

Although two of the three available places on the national squad are likely to be taken by current World Road Race champion Lizzie Armistead and former World Time Trial champion and

Olympic silver medallist Emma Pooley,

Barnes is still thinking positively about that final place. She said: "I think right now that place will be fought between four riders including myself and my sister Hannah. So, yes, we'll have to see how things go. It is just one step in my career and if it doesn't come about I'm still only young so even if not this year, there should hopefully be other oppor-

MKRUGGERFEST takes place on June 18 and is now one of the biggest Rugby 7s festivals in the centre of England. There will be a great line-up of music artists, food, beers and fun for all of the family. It's an allday event, which is free to attend. The event is in aid of Milton Keynes Rugby Union Football Club and Willen

BOWLS

WOBURN Bowls Club are undefeated in four matches so far this season. They have beaten Wolverton Town. Bridgemans, Wolverton Park and Bletchley Town.

ATHLETICS

MARSHALL Milton Keynes Athletics Club ladies opened their UK Women's League campaign at Chelmsford. finishing third. Rachel Gibbens won the pole vault and long jump while Kayleigh Presswell and Emma Beardmore won the hammer double. Lucy Johnston won the "B" long jump and triple jump. The club also hosted the annual British Milers Club meeting for U20 athletes. Emma Mears set a club U17 ladies record in the 1500m

The second Eastern Veterans League match was held at Bedford and the MK ladies again won while the men were much improved after match one, taking second

MOTORSPORT

Second will delight Nash

A SECOND place podium and a fourth place finish in Sunday's two TCR International Series races on the Salzburgring in Austria were James Nash's reward for his skill and tenacity having been obliged to start both from the back of the grid.

The two races were run in dramatically different weather conditions, dry in the first, which suited the Newport Pagnell racer, and torrential rain in the second that did not as he'd missed the only prior track session that had been wet

A stunning drive in race one saw Nash overtake most of the field and produce a second-place reward.

In race two Nash did his best with what was clearly a compromised set-up on his SEAT Leon, but in the very wet conditions his thoughts were very much on the championship mindful that his principal challenger and other teammate Pepe Oriola had failed to score at all due to a mechanical issue

Oriola's failure matched Nash's from the previous event to demonstrate that luck can even itself out.



BADMINTON

Ouseph aims to continue good form in Australia

RAJIV Ouseph will aim to keep his recent run of good form on the world tour in tact as the Australian Open begins this week in Syndey.

Ouseph, pictured, has reached his last two men's singles quarter-finals, the most recent being the form that took him to the last eight at the Indonesian Open.

The event was won by Malaysia's Lee Chong Wei on Sunday but Ouseph will have been happy with his performance.

The world number 15 lost to Ihsan Maulana Mustofa on Friday 21-17, 12-21, 12-21 in the \$900,000 World Superseries Premier event at the Istora Stadium.

Ouseph was due to face China's Lin Dan, the Yonex All England champion, in his first round clash on competitors withdrew from the

event. The Middlesex right-hander who

trains in Milton Keynes will now face qualifier Rasmus Fladberg of Denmark in his opening round encounter.

A potential clash against his opponent's fellow Danish rival Hans-Kristian Vittinghus awaits the GB Olympian. Meanwhile, Chris and Gabby

Adcock are seeded fifth in the mixed doubles draw for the Australian Open.

The Adcocks have been drawn against Korea's Solgyu Choi and Chae Yoo Jung in their first round encounter.

The English number one pairing are seeded to meet Indonesian rivals and top seeds Tontowi Ahmad and Liliyana Natsir in the last eight on

As OneMK reported last week, they were caught out by surprise in the Indonesian Open when they were knocked out in the first round.

First with the match report www.onemk.co.uk after the final whistle

Kelly Haynes prepares to fight



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Neck injury causes Rutherford defeat

GREG Rutherford failed to win his first competition of the year on Sunday at the

Birmingham Diamond
League meeting.
It would have been a 10th
consecutive victory in 2016 for the Woburn Sands jumper.

He won the meeting that took place in Rome last Thursday with a jump of 8.31m, which was the best he has managed this season.

He hurt his neck in the process and did consider pulling out of Sunday's

Rutherford decided to compete in the event but the neck problem clearly gave him some difficulties, saying that he picked up a

whiplash-style injury. He started with a jump of 8.17m, but he couldn't improve on that and was eliminated from the final four of the competition, finishing fifth.

Rutherford tweeted on Sunday: "Oh dear! Today hasn't ended well. Currently in with doc and physio with a hurt neck.

"Apologies I haven't hung around as normal at the track.

"It looks like a bad whiplash."

Dons begin 'rebuilding' as Ed Upson signs deal

BY PHILIP MCELENEY

DONS have started their summer recruitment by agreeing a deal to sign Ed Upson on a free transfer.

Upson will officially join the men from MK1 on a two-year contract.

The 26-year-old played a pivotal role in Yeovil Town's promotion to the Championship in 2012/13, scoring the winner in their play-off

semi-final success over Sheffield United.

Upson, *pictured*, started his career at Ipswich Town and has also appeared for Barnet and Stevenage, while he has represent-

ed England at U17 and U19 levels.

"It's brilliant to be here," he told
mkdons.com. "I've admired the club for a long time now, I know a few of the boys and the manager made me feel wanted

"It's an ambitious club and the style of play is fantastic. I'm looking to get into the team, make my mark and show the fans what I can

Dons boss Karl Robinson told the club website: "I tried to sign Ed before but it wasn't possible to get a deal done at the time

"He had offers to go back to the Championship so I'm delighted he's decided to join us and I look

forward to working with him. He's the type of player that will suit our style very well, is the perfect age and has very good experience." He added: "This is the first step in

our rebuilding process as we look to assemble the best possible squad for next season."

Upson will meet his new team-mates in the final week of June as the squad report back for preseason training.









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During the day Creative Colour Director, Claire Chell, will also be leading the Francesco group college development team in delivering skin tone analysis to visitors, providing an understanding of the correct colour, jewellery and wardrobe that is suited to their skin tone

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